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Arab diplomat shot

ATHENS, Dec 21, (Reuters): A gunman shot and wounded a senior Arab League diplomat in Athens today, prompting the League to ask the Greek government to step up security measures for Arab diplomats.

Midhat Nouri Al Hiyali, an Iraqi who is Charge d'Affaires of the Arab League mission in Athens, was driving to work from his suburban home when the gunman fired seven shots at him.

Al Hiyali, 46, told doctors who treated him for a shoulder wound that a tall dark young man wearing a white shirt had fired the shots from a sidewalk.

Distance

"I saw him pulling a gun out of his right pocket. I tried to put the car into reverse, but I didn't manage to do so and he shot me from a distance of about 10 metres."

Al Hiyali managed to drive to hospital where he underwent an operation and emerged smiling.

Police were searching for the gunman who got away in a car with two other men.

The Arab League said it strongly condemned the attack on Al Hiyali.

"The Council of the Arab League expresses its concern that there will be any repeat of such attempts and asks the necessary security measures for the protection of Arab diplomats," the statement said.

55 missing as freighter sinks

JAKARTA, Dec 21, (AP): A freighter sank in a storm in the Java Sea, and all 55 people aboard were missing, the official Antara news agency reported today.

Antara said the 490-ton Binter was carrying 15 crew members and 40 passengers when it sank yesterday near Bawean Island in the Java Sea.

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WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be above normal with moderate southeasterly wind and some clouds will appear.

State of sea: moderate

High water: 11.00 am, 2.00 pm

Low water: 7.00 am, 7.30 pm

Sunrise: 6.38 am

Sunset: 4.54 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 23°C 73°F

Ahmad: 22°C 72°F

Falaka: 22°C 72°F

Minimum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 17°C 63°F

Ahmad: 17°C 63°F

Falaka: 17°C 63°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 90 per cent

Ahmad: 70 per cent

Falaka: 90 per cent

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 90 per cent

Ahmad: 85 per cent

Falaka: 90 per cent

Minimum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 17°C 63°F

Ahmad: 17°C 63°F

Falaka: 17°C 63°F

Shark infested water teeming with bodies

More than 1,500 feared dead in Philippine ferry disaster

MANILA, Dec 21, (Reuters): A Philippine ferry packed with Christmas travellers sank in flames late yesterday with the apparent loss of more than 1,500 lives in the biggest peacetime shipping disaster since the Titanic.

Only 26 survivors were listed by the Coastguard after the Manila-bound ferry Dona Paz and an oil tanker named Victor went to the bottom after colliding in darkness off the island of Mindoro.

Nearly a day later rescue ships reported finding no trace of either vessel or any more survivors in an operation disrupted by bad weather.

Sinking

The Philippine disaster could replace the sinking of the liner Titanic as the greater maritime disaster in years of peace.

More than 1,500 people drowned or died of exposure in 1912 when the Titanic hit an iceberg on its maiden voyage from England to New York.

After being rescued from the tropical waters off Mindoro, 19-year-old survivor Renato Asistorga said the water teemed with more victims of the collision than rescuers could handle.

"I saw the floating bodies of children and old people in the water. The rescuers did not pick them up any more, they were busy saving those still alive," he said in a Manila hospital.

Tragedy

Survivors said they feared whole families had been lost in the tragedy, about 110 miles south-east of Manila, and radio reports, quoting unnamed officials, said several people had been eaten by sharks.

The Coastguard said all 26 survivors were missing from an official count of 1,556 passengers and crew on the two vessels, which sank in waters with an average depth of 530 metres (1,740 feet).

As a rescue search ended with darkness, the Coastguard said it hoped some survivors could have been washed ashore in the many areas where there are no communications.

But a spokesman said the dawn could bring a grisly sight.

"Bodies will normally sink, and then they will float back up. In 24 hours they could float or be washed ashore," he said.

Waiting

"We can't really say, we're waiting for more reports," spokesman Lieutenant-Commander Rene Luso said.

Searching aircraft sweeping the seas between Mindoro and Marinduque islands reported no sign of survivors 16 hours after the disaster.

Shipping officials said they had at least 10 vessels in the area and had widened the search zone after failing to find wreckage, an oil slick or any other trace of the two vessels sinking.

Reuters correspondent

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France planning to withdraw from Gulf

WASHINGTON, Dec 21, (UPI): As a part of new moves to warm relations with Iran, France is planning to scale down its military operations in the volatile Gulf region, some US officials are saying.

In addition, administration sources have told United Press International that France will resume buying oil from Iran as "part of the deal" that resulted in the release of French hostages held by pro-Iranian terrorists in Lebanon.

Senior French government officials recently told the State Department that oil purchases would not resume until France fully re-established diplomatic relations with Iran. Regarding the military scale-back, a spokeswoman at the presidential palace in Paris said, "we have no information in that direction."

Pressure

However, a French government source lent credence to the possibility of a naval withdrawal by saying an operational cutback could occur "once Washington lessens its pressure" on the administration of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

Another French official requesting anonymity along with others interviewed in recent days, said any scale-back in the fleet led by the aircraft carrier Clemenceau probably would be blamed on "unforeseen wear" to equipment.

Prevented

Iraq said its forces killed more than 1,200 Iranians early today in repulsing the second assault by Tehran's troops on the south-central Gulf war front in 36 hours.

Baghdad's military spokesman Abdul-Jabbar Muhsein told reporters the Iranian attack was launched at 6.40 am (0540 GMT) east of Misan — formerly Al-Amarah — on the northern edge of the Hawizah marshlands.

"The attacking forces, from the 77th infantry division, were confronted with heavy Iraqi fire that prevented them from reaching even the forward Iraqi observation posts and no-man's land," Muhsein said.



Survivors of the collision between ferry and an oil tanker are ushered into a Manila hospital after undergoing emergency treatment for burns. (Reuters radiophoto)

GCC foreign ministers meeting opens

UN urged to protect Gulf shipping

KUWAIT yesterday urged the United Nations to provide protection for Gulf shipping against Iranian attacks.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad said, before leaving for Riyadh for the GCC foreign ministers meeting:

"Vessels and tankers attacked in the Gulf recently were not hit in Kuwait or Saudi territorial waters but in international waters. Thus their protection is the responsibility of the United Nations and the world community," he said.

Sheikh Sabah also referred to the GCC hope that the UN Security Council will find a way of implementing resolution 598 passed last July 20 demanding a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

In Riyadh, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal stressed the need for a "maximum degree of alertness" as he chaired the preparatory meeting for the annual summit of the GCC.

King Fahd will be chairing the summit opening here on Saturday with the participation of the rulers of Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the UAE.

Under the GCC umbrella, the six countries are pledged to collective security measures against any menace to a member state, and to work gradually for economic unity.

"We are meeting in light of very critical international circumstances and our region is passing through one of its critical and dangerous phases," the Saudi Prince said.

"This calls for a maximum

degree of alertness and clarity of vision so that we can properly evaluate matters."

The Saudi minister referred to "suspicious plots being hatched against our region to divert us from achieving our desired objectives of security, stability and prosperity." He did not elaborate.

The conference, which is expected to last for three days, then turned into a closed-door meeting.

The war between Iraq and Iran will top the agenda of the conference.

The hostilities have escalated over the past year with the increasing numbers of attacks by Iran on neutral shipping in the sear lanes of the oil-rich region in retaliation for Iraqi attacks on Iranian oil shipping routes.

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Hussein for Moscow talks on Gulf war

MOSCOW, Dec 21, (Reuters): King Hussein of Jordan arrived in Moscow today for talks with Soviet leaders during which he is expected to urge the Kremlin to support an international arms embargo against Iran.

King Hussein, accompanied by his wife Queen Noor and his Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i, was met at the airport by President Andrei Gromyko and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Also with the King, a relatively frequent visitor to Moscow in recent years, was his Armed Forces commander Field Marshal Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker and Air Force commander Brig-Gen Ihsan Shurdom.

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Jordan's King Hussein (left) is greeted by Soviet President Andrei Gromyko in Moscow. (Reuters radiophoto)

16 perish in plane crash

BORDEAUX, France, Dec 21, (UPI): An Air France flight from Brussels crashed and burned today near a children's day care centre outside Bordeaux, killing all 16 people aboard, airline and police officials said.

An Air France spokeswoman said the lower at Mergnac airport, Bordeaux, lost contact with Air France flight 1919, carrying 13 passengers and a crew of three, shortly before it was to land.

"The tower lost it (from its radar screens) at 3:05 pm (1405 GMT)" the Air France spokeswoman said.

The craft was a twin-engine, turbo-prop, Brazilian-made Embraer EMB-120 of the domestic airline Air Littoral under contract to Air France, the airline spokesman said.

An official of the Bordeaux Gendarmes, said the plane came down in woods in the suburb of Eysines, 200 to 300 metres (yards) from the Centre Aere Pinson, a day care centre.

"There were no survivors," said the police spokesman. He said there were no reported injuries at the child care centre.

The police official said the aircraft burst into flames upon impact, setting the wooded area around the crash site on fire.

He said rescue teams had extinguished the fire and recovered most of the bodies from the charred wreckage of the plane.

Promise to wipe out Sinhalese Marxists

COLOMBO, Dec 21, (Reuters): For the third successive day today, President Junius Jayewardene publicly declared that Sinhalese Marxist rebels in Sri Lanka's south will be crushed within the next few days.

Jayewardene, addressing a meeting in the southern city of Galle, also urged Buddhist monks not to support the outlawed Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP: People's Liberation Front) which he said was killing ruling party officials and supporters.

Request

About 200 yellow-robed Buddhist monks, said to belong to the JVP, were among those arrested in August during riots to protest against a peace accord signed by Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

"Terrorists are trying to destroy Buddhism as happened in Vietnam and Kampuchea. Therefore I request the monks not to support Marxists," Jayewardene said.

"We must destroy the southern terrorists if innocent people

Three killed as uprising spreads to Israeli towns

TEL AVIV, Dec 21, (Reuters): Israeli troops killed three Palestinians who threw petrol bombs at them in the occupied West Bank today as uprising spread to Arab towns inside Israel, military sources said.

Two men were killed and several others injured at Tubas village near Nablus while a third man was killed at a refugee camp in Jenin, the sources told Reuters.

The killings raised the death toll to 19 in a wave of unrest that began on Dec 9 in the occupied Gaza Strip before spreading to the West Bank, Arab East Jerusalem, and today to Arab towns inside Israel.

The military command said that a man was probably killed in Jenin and that at least three people were wounded in violence in Tubas, but it could not immediately confirm the deaths.

Israeli gunfire wounded about a dozen Palestinians today. Three Israeli motorists — two women and an 11-year-old girl — were injured by Palestinians who threw stones at their vehicles.

Protest

Israel's 750,000 Arab citizens observed a nationwide strike in protest at the killing of Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied territories.

In Nazareth, Israel's biggest Arab city with a population of 60,000, a clash with police erupted.

Police in Nazareth fired tear gas at Israeli Arabs who refused to disperse after observing a "moment of silence" and singing protest songs against the killings by Israeli troops. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Twelve youths were arrested after stoning the police station and damaging a police car.

Near the village of Umm-El-Fahm, border police tried to disperse some 3,000 protesters who gathered on a major highway leading from Tel Aviv to the northern town of Afula.

In Jaffa, a mixed Arab-Jewish area near Tel Aviv, Arab protesters pelted cars in a rare outburst of violence, and police made 17 arrests. An officer was injured.

Asked about the protests, a Tel Aviv police spokeswoman said: "It is not only rare, a thing like this does not exist in Jaffa."

Raise

Tewfik Toubi, an Israeli Arab Member of Parliament, said: "We are part and parcel of the Palestinian people. And at the same time we are citizens of the state of Israel, and as such we raise our voice against the continued occupation."

Police said they sent more than 2,000 policemen into the Jerusalem area and into northern Israel, home to 65 per cent of all Israeli Arabs.

Security forces used teargas to quell riots in Arab East Jerusalem where officials said the worst riots in 20 years of Israeli rule took place over the weekend.

Most Arab shops closed throughout Israel, and security

officials said there appeared to be a total commercial strike in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Army closed all West Bank schools for two days to prevent demonstrations.

A reporter said the 60,000 labourers in the Gaza Strip who routinely work in Israel observed a boycott.

Protesters poured oil on the roads to prevent vehicles from leaving the Gaza Strip, captured by Israel along with the West Bank in the 1967 Middle East war.

The streets were quiet, in no small part because of an increased troop presence in the Gaza Strip, where the death toll has been highest.

Chanting

At least 10,000 demonstrators marched peacefully in the Nuseirat refugee camp in Gaza, chanting nationalist slogans and waving Palestinian flags while Israeli troops stood by.

"We're trying to be liberal," a senior border police officer said. "We don't have to stop everything. Let them express themselves a bit."

In the West Bank city of Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, officials said they would cancel their annual political reception

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One-minute work stoppage observed

KUWAIT yesterday observed a one-minute work stoppage — during which all businesses and traffic were halted — in solidarity with Palestinians subjected to Israeli occupation on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Kuwaiti official said.

Traffic also came to a standstill to protest "the brutal Israeli practices" in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Kuwait News Agency said.

The stoppage at 12:00 noon (9:00 GMT), was in response to a government order expressing "Kuwait's solidarity with the heroic uprising of the Arab Palestinian people against the ugly Israeli occupation," Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed told a weekly cabinet session.

Clashes

The protest is in response to the violent clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied territories.

Rashed called on the world community and UN Security Council to "shoulder their responsibility" in halting the bloodshed.

The minute of silence at noon, called by the Arab League at an emergency meeting in Tunis on Dec 15, coincided with a general strike by Palestinians in Israel

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INTERNATIONAL

Opposition keeps up pressure with strike call

Ershad pledges clean polls

DHAKA, Dec 21, (Agencies): Protesters rallied outside local government offices and marched in torchlight processions, continuing an opposition campaign to oust President Hossain Mohammad Ershad, who has renewed a pledge to ensure honest balloting in future elections.

Ershad, under opposition pressure to dissolve his cabinet, held another meeting of his top aides to review the worst political crisis since he seized power in a bloodless coup March 1982.

The opposition and a group of Supreme Court lawyers and two former Supreme Court judges said in statements the cabinet has been illegal since Ershad dissolved Parliament and said all measures taken by the cabinet are illegal.

A torchlight anti-government march in Dhaka was broken up today by police using tear gas, witnesses said.

Ershad called dissident politicians "terrorists" as Bangladesh braced for the latest opposition-called general strikes

tomorrow and Wednesday, which economists warned could further damage the country's already fragile economy.

"The election commission will announce the date for fresh polls soon and let me assure all once again that it's going to be a free and fair vote," he told a meeting of rural officials on Sunday.

"But I will do nothing beyond the purview of the constitution," he said in reference to opposition demands that he first resign and hand over power to caretaker government before an election is held.

The opposition says Ershad rigged parliamentary and presidential polls in 1986 and that future elections under him will be the same.

Ershad yesterday repeated charges that Sheikh Hasina and Begum Khaleda Zia, the two opposition leaders "have taken recourse to terrorism and anarchy to pursue their political goals."

"Let the two leaders say it publicly that there would be no more hurling of bombs, attacks

of officegoers and vehicles, and looting of shops -- and then call a hartal (strike)."

"In that case, even one per cent of Bangladeshis will not respond to their call," Ershad said.

"I am not going to compromise (on the issue of resignation). Let the opposition parties come to elections and test their popularity," he said.

The US embassy said yesterday that Ershad and his political opponents should open talks in an effort to end the unrest.

Negotiations

US Ambassador Willard de Pree has met separately with Ershad and Hasina and Begum Zia, but details of their talks were not divulged.

However, a US embassy official said de Pree made it known to both Ershad and the two leaders that the United States favoured a negotiated settlement of the crisis. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hasina told a Dhaka rally on Wednesday that "some foreign

powers are trying to find a political solution to keep Ershad in power." She named no country, but spoke shortly after meeting with de Pree.

But, Ershad told a meeting of Bangladeshi journalists today: "If they don't take part in elections, that is their business."

He said it was not his responsibility to persuade the opposition to join the elections.

Ershad, however, hinted that he could arrange a non-party government to conduct polls if the elections were also held on a non-party basis.

"He wants to repeat his old performance," Hasina said. "He knows that this kind of election-made-to-order will produce the sort of result that he condescends to produce," she told a party rally today.

Begum Zia said Ershad would lose badly in any elections under a neutral body.

"He (Ershad) is scared of a free and honest election because his bluff will then be called," she told a meeting of her Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

Painting of Mother Teresa gets top price

BOMBAY, Dec 21, (AP): A painting of Mother Teresa, the Nobel peace prize winner who gives shelter to the poor and homeless, brought the top price last night at the first auction ever conducted in India by London's venerable Christie's firm.

More than 500 members of Bombay's high society turned out for a gala evening at the Taj Mahal Hotel as 34 pieces of contemporary Indian art fetched a total of 1.924 million rupees (about \$148,000).

While prices were far below international records, art critics said the Christie's auctioneers coaxed more rupees out of bidders than the paintings would have fetched at commercial galleries.

"Mother Teresa," by India's leading contemporary painter Maqbool Fida Husain, was sold for 500,000 rupees (\$38,462) to Minoo Modi, a director of India's giant Tata industrial group.

Bidding started at 200,000 rupees (\$15,385) for the painting on canvas of the nun who lives in Calcutta and won the 1979 peace prize.

The second-highest price was 200,000 rupees for "Sourya" (sun in Hindi). The acrylic painting, showing a large black circle surrounded by a border of geometric shapes, was the work of S.H. Razi.

Most of the money raised at the hour-long auction will go to help Age India, a nationwide voluntary organisation dedicated to helping the elderly.

First admission of opposition split

Kim Dae-Jung apologises

SEOUL, Dec 21, (AP): Kim Dae-Jung today said he was ashamed of his role in splitting the opposition and allowing government candidate Roh Tae-Woo to win last week's presidential election.

Kim made the statement in advertisements that appeared on the front pages of Seoul newspapers today.

It was the first admission by the opposition that its internal divisions apparently robbed it of election victory.

"I sincerely apologise and realise that my responsibility is so great that I cannot bear it. The cause for the failure to defeat the regime lay in the failure to achieve a single candidacy," Kim said.

Ruling party candidate Roh Tae-Woo won last Wednesday's presidential election with 37 per

cent of the vote, while Kim and rival opposition candidate Kim Young-Sam polled a total of 55 per cent.

Kim Dae-Jung said today he would use peaceful political and legal means to try to prove the election was fraudulent. He called for an end to recent violent demonstrations.

"It is my sincere desire that our young people and democratic citizens will no longer be sacrificed," he said.

Response

The ads also called for a united opposition to resist the government. But Kim Young-Sam last week rejected a peace offering from Kim Dae-Jung. He had no immediate response to the call by his rival.

Officials of Kim Dae-Jung's Party for Peace and Democracy said he decided after a meeting

with party leaders to issue the apology in an effort to regain the confidence of the people.

Dissident youths threw firebombs at a local radio-television station and a USIS office in the southwestern city of Kwangju, dissident leader Kim Dae-Jung's hometown.

About 20 students hurled a dozen firebombs at the Kwangju station of Munhwa Broadcasting Corp. (MBC) operating with a nationwide network. A wall was partly scorched but there was no damage, the domestic Yonhap news agency said.

About 10 minutes later, three youths driving motorcycles tried to throw firebombs at a residential annex building of the USIS in the city but were stopped by police on guard, Yonhap said. One man was arrested, according to Yonhap.

Best film

LOS ANGELES, Dec 21, (Reuters): The British film "Hope and Glory," based on director John Boorman's lighthearted childhood memories of the Second World War, was chosen Best Film of the Year by the Los Angeles Film Critics Association.

Boorman was named Best Director and the film, which has so far had only a limited release in the United States, was also named for Best Screenplay.

Another film of wartime memories won in the best foreign film category, in which "Hope and Glory" was also a nominee.

Attacked Afghan rebels seek help

ISLAMABAD, Dec 21, (Reuters): A major Afghan government offensive has forced anti-communist guerrillas to call for help to maintain their prolonged siege of the eastern garrison town of Khost near the Pakistan border, according to guerrilla sources.

They said the area's main guerrilla commander Jalaluddin Haqqani has asked for reinforcements after an advance by Soviet and Afghan government forces towards the town in Pakhtia province, which borders Pakistan.

Reinforcement

On Saturday Moscow Television showed a film of the troops shelling what a Soviet reporter called rebel strongholds and arm-supply routes in a snow-capped mountain range in the Khost district.

The guerrilla sources said the Soviet and Afghan government troops, operating from the main staging area of Gardez, had

occupied some strategic heights midway between the provincial capital of Gardez and Khost.

The Pakistan-based guerrilla parties are preparing to send reinforcements in response to the request from Haqqani, who belongs to the Hezb-e-Islami party of Mohammad Younis Khalis.

Hezb-e-Islami has played the major role in blockading Khost area during the nine-year-old guerrilla war. But the guerrilla sources said elements from other six parties in the major guerrilla alliance fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan government were also fighting in the area.

They said the appeal for reinforcements was addressed to all the parties in the alliance, presently headed by Khalis.

The offensive follows a warning by Afghan President Najibullah at the end of November of military operations if the rebels failed to make peace.



● Beijing rock star Cui Jian (right) enjoys a riff with his saxophonist as he performs to excited fans in his first public concert for a year. (Reuters radiophoto)

UK seeking return of sold brides

LONDON, Dec 21, (Reuters): The British Foreign Office said it was trying to help the return to England of two women whose father is alleged to have sold them as brides in North Yemen five years ago.

Zana and Nadia Muhsen, now aged 20 and 22, were tricked by their Yemeni-born father into leaving the central English city of Birmingham and going on what they thought was a holiday to North Yemen, the Observer newspaper reported.

It said their father then sold the teenage sisters to Yemeni husbands for £1,300 (\$2,340).

The women, who both have children now, were forced to work in the fields around the mountainous bandit territory of Mokbana right up until they gave birth, and immediately after, the paper said.

Powers

"Both of the women want to come home. But since they have dual nationality, Britain has very limited powers to help them while they are still in Yemen," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

He said the British Embassy in North Yemen had offered to give the women British passports, but they would be unable to leave unless Yemeni authorities gave them exit visas.

The Observer said villagers had told the women, described as withdrawn and unsmiling, that they could not return to Birmingham because under tribal law they needed their husbands' consent which would never be granted.

Conservative Member of Parliament Anthony Beaumont-Dark called for the women's father, Mathana Muhsen, to be deported from Britain. A Home Office spokesman said it was unlikely he could be deported.

Raikin dies

MOSCOW, Dec 21, (Reuters): Arkady Raikin, the Soviet Union's top comedian whose biting satire won him fame as the scourge of the country's bureaucrats, died at the weekend aged 76, a spokeswoman for his theatre said today.

Raikin, a Jew, amazed his fellow-countrymen by retaining official approval throughout five decades of poking fun at the failings of the Soviet system and the foibles of officials at almost all levels.

Ozal inducts new faces in cabinet

—the only woman in the cabinet — and Communications Minister Ekrem Pakdemirli.

Brother

Ozal also appointed younger brother Yusuf Ozal to the cabinet for the first time, as a state minister.

The new cabinet indicates that Ozal plans no major policy shifts in his drive for full economic liberalisation: more democratic freedoms and full political stability.

He has given greater emphasis to Western-educated liberal members of the ruling Motherland Party, a loose-grouping ranging from people with Islamic fundamentalist views to centrists.

Ozal welded the party to fight the 1983 election after three years of military rule following an Army coup that crushed extremist political violence.

Foreign Minister Yilmaz, 40, was Tourism Minister in the previous cabinet. An English and German speaker, he did post-graduate studies in Cologne.

Dame Peggy turns 80

LONDON, Dec 21, (AP): Dame Peggy Ashcroft, the veteran actress who won an Oscar three years ago for the movie "A Passage to India" was fete'd last night two days before her 80th birthday as one of Britain's most admired talents.

"I am nuts about Peggy. I love Peggy. Peggy can do no wrong, has never done any wrong, will do no wrong," Trevor Nunn, the Tony Award-winning director, said midway through "Her Infinite Variety," an evening of tributes that took its title from the description of Cleopatra in Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra.

"I think Peggy will be remembered as a great, great actress... at a time of great acting," said director Sir Peter Hall.

The three-hour programme at the Old Vic Theatre, devised by Royal Shakespeare Company actor Tony Church, concluded with two standing ovations, as Dame Peggy recited the epilogue to Shakespeare's As You Like It. Before the Gala, Church said the actress represented "a wonderful combination of great style and natural dignity."

"It has to do with the quality

Dame Peggy Ashcroft

she has as a person as well as an actress," he said of the performer, who was born Dec 22, 1907, in the south London suburb of Croydon, the daughter of a real estate broker and an amateur actress.

The show featured excerpts from plays and speeches with which Dame Peggy has been associated, such as The Taming of the Shrew and Antony and Cleopatra.

Rachel Kempson, with whom Dame Peggy appeared most recently in the 15-hour mini-series The Jewel in the Crown, recited one of the actress's favourite poems, The Ruined Maid, by Thomas Hardy.

Explosion at Alexandria Army camp

ALEXANDRIA, Dec 21, (UPI): An Army warehouse of chemicals exploded early today at this Mediterranean resort city, starting a huge blaze, sending fumes into the air and forcing authorities to evacuate hundreds of people, police said.

Tens of people suffered suffocation symptoms and were taken to hospitals following the pre-dawn explosion at the Wardian district in western Alexandria.

But there were no reports of deaths or serious injuries. Egypt's Middle East News Agency said the fumes were abated by strong winds and quickly spread over several sections of western and central Alexandria.

Police forces sealed off the area after evacuating schools, factories and homes. Students at schools outside the district but near the site of the blast were also told to return home.

Several hours after the explosion, the agency said fire-engines "surrounded the site of the blast and were making great efforts to control the blaze and extinguish the fumes."

More than 1,500 feared dead in Philippine ferry disaster

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Rosario Liquicia, speaking by radio from a helicopter in the search area, said visibility was restricted by cloud and rain.

She said several small fishing boats and a cargo vessel were searching the sea but no sign of wreckage could be seen from the air.

One survivor said he saw the tanker heading directly for the ferry moments before the collision but the Coastguard said it had no details on how the collision occurred.

Stunned and weeping survivors, brought to a Manila hospital suffering mainly from burns, said that they believed the ship was carrying more than twice the official figure.

Crammed

They described one-man cots on the ship's deck as crammed with four people and said companionships had been packed with passengers and their luggage, including goats and other animals.

"No-one could move around... people were just sitting on the floor," said Mabag Constanicio, 21, who was travelling with 11 other family members to spend Christmas in Manila.

Survivors said many women and children were feared to have died after refusing to jump from the burning ship into the water.

Mario Leanda, 25, said he had tried to drag his girlfriend with him as he leapt from the deck but her hand slipped from his grasp.

"I shouted and asked her to jump but she said she was afraid," he said.

Almario Balanay, a 44-year-old fisherman who had travelled previously on the ferry, said it was more crowded than he had ever seen it.

Paquito Osabel, 42, heading with his sister and three nieces for Christmas in Manila, said he jumped overboard after what sounded like an explosion.

"I looked out and I saw that another ship was on fire. In just two seconds there was a big fire on our ship and I heard everybody screaming and waiting," he said.

"When I saw the big fire was engulfing the whole ship I jumped and dived into the water."

Survivors said they had been woken by an explosion, apparently as the two ships collided, and jumped overboard as the 20-year-old Dona Paz was engulfed by flames.

Burning oil spread across the water as they clung to pieces of wood and kicked desperately to get clear of the sinking ships, they said.

Three killed as uprising spreads to Israeli towns

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On Christmas eve in sympathy, but religious ceremonies would go ahead as usual.

Europe, the Soviet Union and Arab states have expressed concern and anger over the shootings. Most worrying to Israel has been criticism from neighbouring Egypt, its partner in peace, and the United States, its closest ally.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned the situation could only be made worse if Washington refused to veto a United Nations Security Council proposal to censure Israel over the violence.

"It will encourage the extreme elements in our area, and it will discourage the positive elements," he told reporters.

In Cairo, Coptic Christian Pope Shenouda III today was reported to have appealed to Christians around the world to boycott Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem to protest Israeli military action against Palestinian inhabitants.

At Cairo's Ein Shams University, more than 1,000 students demonstrated on campus to protest the Israeli military measures.

Exiled Jerusalem Archbishop Hilarion Capucci today staged a hunger strike in Rome in support for the Arab Palestinian people in occupied Palestine.

Egyptian envoy

BAGHDAD, Dec 21, (Reuters): Egyptian ambassador Ibrahim Auf presented his credentials in Iraq today after the restoration of full diplomatic ties last month, an Egyptian embassy spokesman said.

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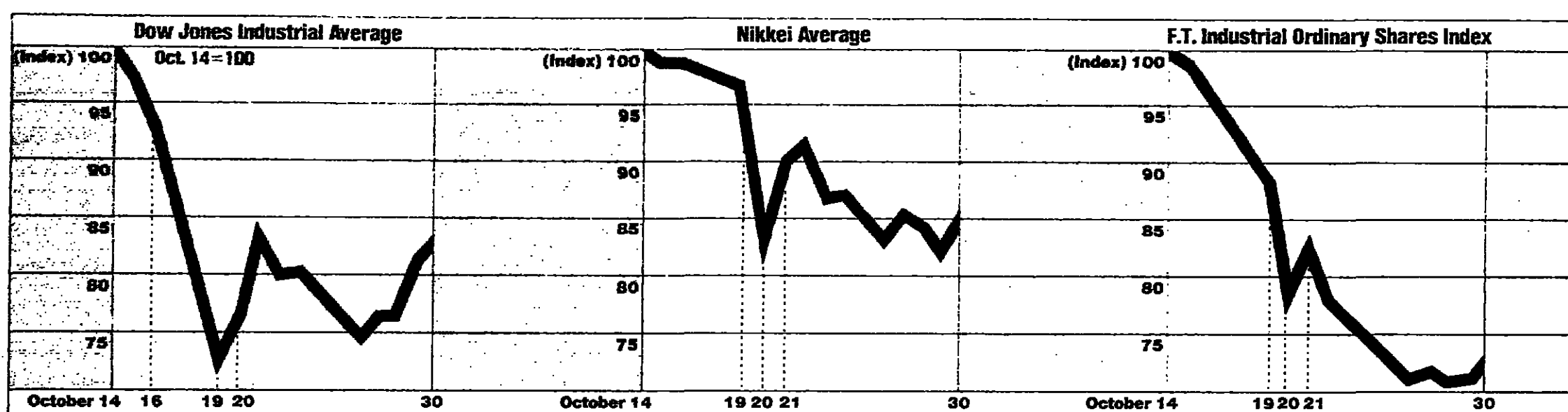
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TOKYO, OCTOBER 1987

WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY?

Investor Confidence and a Strong Economy
Stabilize the Tokyo Market

NEW YORK TOKYO LONDON



New York, London, Tokyo...

The world's three great stock markets are forging mutual links, making 24-hour global trading a financial reality. Events on October 19th show just how interrelated the three major international stock markets have become. Severe jolts were felt throughout the world's financial markets when investors, wary of the U.S.'s enormous trade and Treasury deficits and the weakening dollar, began a massive sell-off. On Black Monday, the New York Dow Jones industrial average declined a record 22.6% in one day. London recorded a similar decline, and the next day in Tokyo, overseas investors sold a staggering amount of stocks, driving the Nikkei Average down 14.9% and triggering the one day loss in price limit. During the week of the crash, the Dow Jones' and Financial Times' indexes fell below their year-high levels by 36.1% and 32.1% respectively. However, in the same period, the farthest the Nikkei Average fell below its 1987 high was a relatively low 17.8%. And by the week's end, the Nikkei Average had rebounded a strong 4.2%, making the Tokyo market's resilience the focus of attention among international investors.

Japanese Individuals Offset Massive Selling By Foreigners During The Crash

The key players in cushioning the fall on the Tokyo market were Japanese individual investors. During the month of October, net purchases by individual investors came to approximately ¥530 billion, roughly triple the previously

recorded high in September. Other Japanese investors who played a stabilizing role in the Tokyo market include financial institutions and corporations, accounting for ¥654.4 billion of net purchases, and investment trusts accounting for ¥90.6 billion. This purchasing trend partially offset the selling by overseas investors, which reached ¥1,998 billion in October.

As for the week of the crash (October 19th ~ 24th), overseas investors sold ¥1,058 billion worth of stocks on the Tokyo market. Japanese financial institutions were net purchasers of only ¥81 billion, but individual investors supported the market by purchasing some ¥623 billion worth of stocks, and non-financial institutions were net buyers by ¥185 billion. This buying by Japanese individual investors and corporations counterbalanced the selling by foreign investors in Tokyo. Confidence remained high, and stability returned quickly.

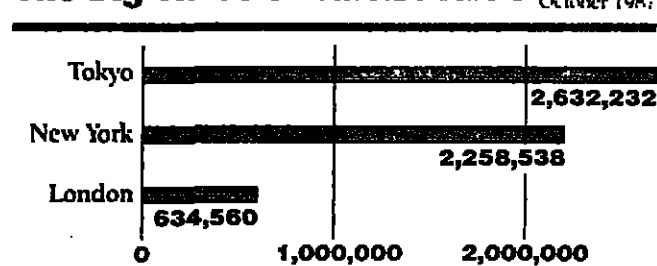
Strong Economy and Solid Savings Structure

One reason for such strong support buying by Japanese investors is their faith in the fundamental strength of the Japanese economy. Japanese businesses, especially in the hi-tech industries, have overcome the oil shocks of the '70's and the yen appreciation of the '80's and have adapted to the new international business environment. According to the OECD, the combined effect of the fall in stock prices and the low dollar will only slightly affect 1988's real G.N.P., decreasing it by just 0.25%. In fact, the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* predicts that for the fiscal year ending in March 1988, the average ordinary profit of all listed Japanese companies will increase by 29% over the previous year.

Another reason for investor support is the high rate of individual savings. In 1985, Japan's individual savings ratio reached 16.0%, demonstrating a strong propensity to save. In comparison, the West German rate was 11.4% while the U.S. rate was only 5.2%. Given the percentage of total savings invested in stocks, which is 8.5% lower than the U.S. rate of 22%, erosion of assets due to the crash was relatively slight, despite the strong growth in stock investments. Japanese financial institutions will also continue to use stock investments as part of their asset management programs.

The fundamental strength of Japan's economy has instilled confidence in both individual and institutional investors, which in turn has provided stability in otherwise volatile financial markets. Investor confidence and economic strength make Tokyo the safest market in volatile times.

The Big Three's Market Value

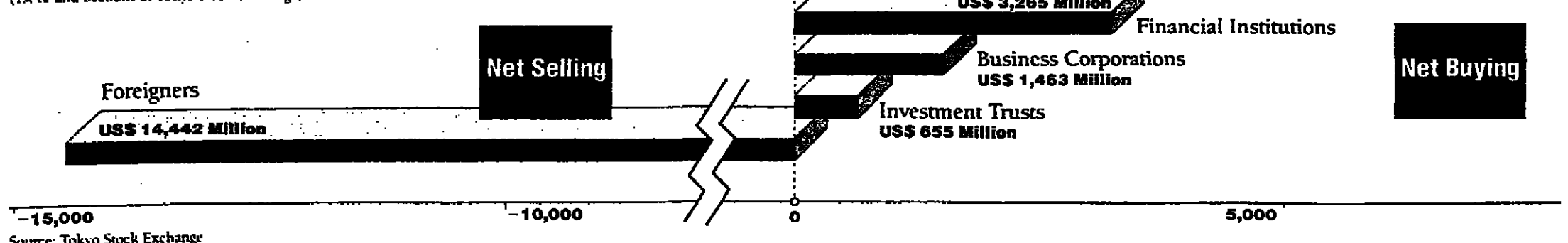


Source: Tokyo Stock Exchange

Note: London's figure for the end of May 1987

Who Sold and Who Bought in the Tokyo Market?

Net Turnover in Value of Stocks by Type of Investors in October 1987
(1st & 2nd Sections of Tokyo Stock Exchange)



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HH the Amir yesterday received the Somali Information Minister Dr Abdirashid Sheikh Ahmed. The meeting was attended by Kuwait's Information Minister, Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmed (above). Abdirashid is pictured below with Public Works Minister Abdul Rahman Al Houti (centre) and the editor-in-chief of the Arab Times, Ahmed Al Jarallah (right) at a lunch hosted by Sheikh Nasser at the Sheraton Hotel. (Bottom picture by Mohammad Abbas).



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, yesterday met the Sudanese Interior Minister, Ahmed Sayed Al Hussein (left). The meeting was attended by Kuwait's Interior Minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed (right).

Jawara ends Saudi visit

RIYADH, Dec 21. (Kuna): President of Gambia Dawda Jawara today left here after concluding a few-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

He was seen off by President of Islamic Development Bank Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Ali and Gambian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Saudi Press Agency reported.

The Gambian President's private visit to Saudi Arabia comes following an official few-day trip to Kuwait during which he discussed with HH the Amir of Kuwait, a number of issues of mutual interest on the Arab and the international levels in addition to bilateral relations.

Abdullah ends mediation efforts

DAMASCUS, Dec 21. (AP): Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia ended a two-day visit today, apparently aimed at speeding up a reconciliation between Syria and Iraq.

There was no official announcement on the outcome of his talks with President Hafez Assad and Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam.

Damascus Radio said Sunday the talks dealt with inter-Arab relations and the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

The Saudi Prince, who visited Baghdad, Iraq's capital, before flying to Damascus, is also scheduled to visit Jordan and Egypt before returning to Riyadh.

between the neighbouring states deepened when Syria sided with non-Arab Iran in the Gulf war.

After meeting Prince Abdullah on Sunday, Khaddam made an apparent reference to the reconciliation effort when he told reporters he hoped to achieve "what we all wish for."

"We should all work toward a better atmosphere in the Arab world, which will enable us to confront all the dangers that threaten the Arab world, and especially those created by Israel," he added.

But Syria's state-controlled media quoted him as saying that no reconciliation was possible between Syria and Egypt until Cairo abrogated its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Jordan and Saudi Arabia have been trying to end inter-Arab feuds. Jordan's King Hussein arranged a secret meeting between Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in April, but both leaders later reported this had produced no agreement.

Deepened

Arab diplomats in Baghdad said Abdullah's trip there was aimed at boosting efforts to end the rift between Syria and Iraq, which are ruled by rival wings of the Arab Socialist Baath Party.

Earlier ideological differences

Gulf war causes increase in price of building materials

A DEALER in construction materials, Mohammed Abdul Ghani, has said that the increase in price of timber and building materials might have been caused by the increase in freight and insurance rates.

He told a local newspaper that fewer ships were coming to Kuwait and other Gulf states, but this was to be expected because the Iraq-Iran war resulted in damage to many ships, forcing insurance companies to raise their rates. This, in turn, affected the price of timber and building materials.

Another dealer, Ahmed Al Abdullah, believed that the scarcity of building materials in Kuwait was the reason for the increase in prices. He added that this was mainly because the Iraq-Iran war was causing stagnation in the whole market.

A resident, Ahmed Ali Kamal, said the increase in price of construction materials might be the result of the large number of government houses built at Al Qurain, Fintas and other areas. He added that the Kuwait Supply Company gave only a small quantity of materials and people had to buy them from the local market.

Another resident, Abbas Al Qalaf, also said that the Kuwait Supply Company gave small quantities of materials. He said construction was being done according to plans which were different from those distributed by the National Housing Authority. He said that the bad housing distribution policies were among the main reasons for the high prices.

New UAE envoy to Egypt named

ABU DHABI, Dec 21 (Kuna): A new ambassador for the United Arab Emirates to Egypt was announced here last night after the resumption of diplomatic ties between the two countries last November 11.

Ambassador Hamad Hilal Thabet Al Zaheri took the legal oath before UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.

Ambassador Mohammed Jassem Samhan was until now heading the UAE interests section in Cairo.

Course on civil service law

THE Labourers Union of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour will organise a five-week course on the civil service law and regulations to begin February 3, 1988. The course is organised in cooperation with Kuwait University.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received Sudanese Deputy Premier and Interior Minister, Ahmed Sayed Al Hussein on the occasion of his visit to the country.

Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed and the Sudanese Ambassador to Kuwait attended the meeting.

The Amir also received Somali Information and National Guidance Minister Dr Abdirashid Sheikh Ahmed who delivered a message to HH from President Mohammed Siad Barre.

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Crown Prince audiences

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KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Soviet-US summit did not serve Arab issues

KUWAITI newspaper Al Rai Al Aam yesterday editorially affirmed that the outcome of the Soviet-US summit conference that took place on the 8th of this month did not serve the Arab's urgent issues.

The daily in a front page editorial said that the tour by the US and Soviet delegates of the Arab states is nothing but to show that the superpowers take note of the Arab problems.

Al Rai Aam pointed out that the three main Arab issues Palestine, the Gulf war and Lebanon occupied a minor concern in the summit, and the two sides agreed on shelving them.

The paper regretted that such a stance was due to the Arab weakness and differences, although it expressed optimism towards a number of recent Arab practical initiatives such as Amman emergency Arab summit last month as well as the current tour of Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz which is the first step towards the hoped for serious Arab endeavour.

Syria-Kuwait ties hailed

SYRIAN Ambassador to Kuwait Issa Darwish hailed the Syrian-Kuwaiti relations saying they are at their best. Al Seyassah quoted the ambassador as saying:

He said that the two countries work for the interests of their people and the Arabs.

Darwish affirms that his coun-

try's efforts to stop the Iraq-Iran war has not ceased including trying to prevent its expansion.

Stressing that Syria supports all efforts aimed at bringing the Gulf war to an end, including UN Security Council resolution 598, the ambassador affirmed his country's commitment to the Amman emergency summit conference resolutions.

Regarding Syria's relations with Egypt, Darwish said that his country welcomes the return of Egypt as the leader of the Arab world after aborting the Camp David accords, asserting that the friendship between President Hafez Al Assad and President Hosni Mubarak is something but principles are something else.

On the economic sphere, the ambassador welcomed Kuwaiti and Gulf investments in his country asserting that there are very good opportunities in tourism, agricultural and industrial sectors which are not available in other Arab or foreign countries.

Charity society dissolved

SHEIKH Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad, Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, announced that the Charity Fund Society for Social Solidarity had been dissolved and that the society's assets would be liquidated by the end of the year.

A Kuwaiti daily also reported a ministry source as saying that a study was being conducted of Kuwait's public health societies and the possibility of merging some of the societies was being considered. Cultural, economic and social societies will be included in the evaluation study.

Suicide attempt

A KUWAITI daily reported yesterday that a male Filipino, was hospitalised after a suicide attempt at Kuwait Airport on Sunday evening. It was reported that the man jumped from the mezzanine leading to the departure hall and landing in the arrivals hall. No details have been given on his condition, which is believed to be critical.

Swareddahab lauds Kuwait's economic assistance to Sudan

THE chairman of the Islamic Dawa (call) Organisation, Abdul Rahman Swareddahab lauded yesterday Kuwait's assistance to Sudan toward overcoming its current economic difficulties.

He thanked, in an exclusive interview with Kuna, HH the Amir of Kuwait and HH the Crown Prince for their help during Sudan's transitional period following the toppling of former President Gaafar Numeiri in April 1985.

He noted that during his current official visit to Kuwait, he received full understanding from the Kuwaiti leadership to Sudan's political and economic problems.

Swareddahab, who was head of the Sudanese transitional council after the fall of Numeiri, said that there are no comparisons between the present democracy in Sudan and Numeiri's era, noting that the present situation in his country guarantees the freedom of the Sudanese citizen to practice his

rights and duties. He listed Sudan's problems in the educational field in addition to the civil war in the south which exhausts the Sudanese treasury in addition to the decline of the Sudanese pound against foreign currencies due to the deterioration of the international economic situation and its impact on Sudan's economy.

Relief

On the goals of the Khartoum-based Islamic Dawa organisation, Swareddahab said since the establishment of the Organisation seven years ago its main goal is to spread Islam and help the poor and illiterate Muslims in the African continent through the establishment of charity projects inside and outside Sudan.

He elaborated that the Islamic organisation, to which several Arab and Islamic countries contribute, established a relief agency to adopt African children. The agency helped 80,000 orphans in Afghanistan as well as it also carries out various



Swareddahab

religious activities, he noted.

Meanwhile, in a separate interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper, Swareddahab said that hope should not be lost over an end to the Iraq-Iran war and in opening a serious dialogue with the Iranian leadership.

He noted that he is a member in a non-governmental group for boosting efforts to end the Iraq-Iran war, which groups figures who played distinguished political role in their countries.

Swareddahab said that this group held a popular conference in Khartoum last October attended by representatives of Arab people to discuss means of ending the Gulf war.

He added that the same group will call for a similar conference at the Islamic world level to come out with a unified stance to convince the Iranian leaders of the necessity to end the war.

On the uprising in occupied Palestine, Swareddahab said it confirms the steadfastness of the Palestinians inside the occupied territories and reflects the strength and unity of the Palestinian revolution.

He called on the Arabs to benefit from this revolt in the occupied lands and find the best means to restore the usurped Palestinians rights.

Drivers with diabetes urged to check vision

DR ABDUL Wahab Rashed, head of the Diabetes Clinic Unit of Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health, speaking at the Weekly Road Safety Society meeting, said that diabetes is an increasingly common disease which threatens the lives of many people. He added that the ministry had set up the diabetes clinics to provide residents with treatment of this disease.

He added that the disease could be controlled through regular treatment and advised all drivers with diabetes to have regular vision check ups because of the effects of diabetes on visual acuity.

Training course

SUAD Al Rifai, the Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Affairs, opened the third training course for the secretariat and student affairs department this week.

The two week course, planned for female secretaries and student affairs staff, will include lectures on various administrative tasks at the ministry and schools.

India adopts measures to send more labour to Gulf

NEW DELHI, Dec 21. (Kuna): Concerned over a sharp decline in manpower export to West Asia, the Indian government has taken up some promotional measures by asking recruiting agents and companies to establish direct contacts with chambers of commerce of the Arab countries.

Marketing wise, the Indian Ministry of Labour has responded to the recommendations of Indian missions for reduction of minimum wages for Indian workers keeping in view the competition from other countries.

These steps have been taken in view of export of large number of labour by neighbouring nations like Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to the Middle East on cheaper rates. The Philippines, China, South Korea, and other Asian nations are also exporting labour to the region, thus making competition very tough.

The main reason for decline in manpower to West Asia was due to recession in the construction activities and drop in oil prices. The decline in oil revenue has curtailed developmental projects in the area, the official says. There has been consistent decline in the outflow of migrant labourers from India in the last five years.

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Unmanageable classes, untrained teachers create problems

Number of private school students increases considerably

THE modern Indian education system and the pressure of excellent children, many of whom shoulder a burden too heavy to carry on their slender shoulders. Home-work, stress and constant nagging parents are pushing children too hard. Compounding the problem are large unmanageable classes and untrained teachers mostly in lower grades.

The number of students in private schools in Kuwait has risen considerably over the last five years prompting efforts to further develop that sector, according to Dr Yacoub Al Sharrar, Assistant Under-Secretary, private education department, at the Education Ministry.

The number of private school students has grown by 200 per cent during the last five years. Over 30 per cent of the total of 120,000 students study at the Indian and Pakistani schools. Some 8,000 attend the largest Indian school in Salmiya, which has four branches spread over Kuwait.

Doubled

The number of primary school student admissions doubled this year from 14,000 last year to 25,000.

Al Sharrar said the ministry is now studying the need for expansion and has not stopped issuing licences for new schools. He believes the private sector fulfils a vital need for educating expatriate children.

It would be difficult to accommodate all the students at the private schools, he said.

Dr Al Sharrar, since he took over the private education department as its director, has enforced stringent control over the schools. Two schools, Al Sharrar did not name them, were closed down earlier this year after supervisors found poor teaching standards.

Standard

Indians, particularly those parents, who send their children to the Indian schools, complain about "inadequate teaching standard mainly due to untrained teachers who cannot communicate with children."

J.A.S. Newton, director of the largest Indian school, admitting that some 40 per cent of the teachers are untrained quickly points out: "This does not mean they are not qualified to teach. Our teachers are graduates and postgraduates."

High school teachers, though a few are untrained, are qualified and as Newton points out they hold bachelors and masters

degrees. But in the primary schools there is a distinct shortage of trained teachers.



Dr Yacoub Al Sharrar

The ministry oversees the employment of all teachers at schools — in the primary, intermediate or high schools. Those who apply for a primary school post must have two years experience plus a high school certificate as minimum qualification.

The experience clause may be overlooked if they are trained teachers. For intermediate and high school, teachers must be graduates and post-graduates in the subject they will teach. Teachers with experience are given preference. The ministry makes an exception only for music teachers, because there is a shortage in this category.

"But even they (music teachers) undergo a special training programme, designed by the ministry and only if they successfully complete the course, they are given permission to teach," Al Sharrar said.

Supervisors from the department of private education keep an eye on the schools. "Nothing goes undetected," insists Al Sharrar. Private schools have to get prior permission for everything — from holding extra classes to increasing the fees. Transport costs are approved by the ministry. It also encourages teacher training and orientation programmes.

The Indian School, Salmiya, has responded to the need to

train teachers. "Teachers training is now the biggest concern for us," says Newton. The school has 8,000 pupils at four branches and 450 teachers. Newton admits the teacher pupil ratio is inadequate. Classes are large, each having between 35 to 40 students.

Smaller classes mean fewer admissions. As the schools for expats cater to a community's needs, the Indian school management feels it would be "an unwise decision to restrict the number of admissions." In their effort to provide placement to all, schools have larger, unmanageable classes, particularly in the primary and secondary levels.

One teacher agrees with a common grouse and admits the shortcomings of teaching larger groups. "I cannot give as much individual attention as I would like to due to a bigger class."

Increasing the number of teachers or recruiting them on a larger scale from India are considered "uneconomic propositions" by the school management.

"We simply cannot afford to bring all our teachers from India," says Newton. They can't pay higher salaries, provide accommodation and other perks to a large number of teachers.

Alternative

The next best alternative is local recruitment, which depends on demand and supply — demand for teachers being higher than supply. Qualified, trained teachers are discouraged by the pathetic pay scale and change their profession for better opportunities, thus depriving Indian schools of quality teaching.

Indian school teachers are one of the lowest paid in the private sector drawing salaries between KD100 to 150, depending on their grades — status and qualifications. If they teach two shifts — morning and evening — teachers may get about KD300.

"Even maids are paid better salaries these days," says one dis-

contented teacher. Low paid as they are, they also suffer from an inferiority complex. One teacher, who declined to be named, feels "students don't respect us because of our salary scale."

Indiscipline among high school boys at Indian schools is widespread with teachers having to put with unruly behaviour. In the case of girls, one teacher says, the atmosphere is far better and there are no problems.

Indian parents often complain about their children being "overburdened with homework."

Says the teachers: "Home work is an extension of the work covered in class." Perhaps, this is true. But most children in the primary school come home without learning anything, parents point out.

Most parents have to spend three to four hours each evening to teach children and complete their homework. "What is the point of sending them to school?" asks one parent.

Children, due to the system of quarterly tests, have to go through a grinding process of studies and more studies to get good grades.

Teachers blame parents for compelling children to "get better and better grades."

A parent has no misgivings in admitting "that seeing our neighbours children excel, we want ours to do better."

It is difficult to place the blame with either party. But the overall system of Indian education and the competition to get seats at professional institutions demands better performance by children at school.

So, private tuition is a common denominator in schooling. "Previously, students who needed extra coaching went for private tutors. These days all students have private tutors," says one teacher.

"Perhaps, there is a grain of truth. But when my child tells me he did not understand what was taught at school, I have to do something," says a concerned parent.

Children, particularly in the primary and lower grades, feel that the syllabus is being covered too quickly. Most feel they need more time to cover studies.

"What can we do? We have a curriculum which has to be completed in a given time and we do just that," explains a teacher.

"If schools claim a high pass rate, it is not because the standard of education there is good. Children achieve good grades because we see to it that they learn something," says one

parent. "We get what we pay for," says one parent.

At the Indian School, Salmiya, kindergarten fees are KD 100; primary schooling KD115, intermediate KD130 and secondary KD132. Schools are allowed by the ministry to accept "voluntary contributions" from parents.

Facilities

As parents often point out facilities such as playgrounds are not provided at Indian schools due to limited space.

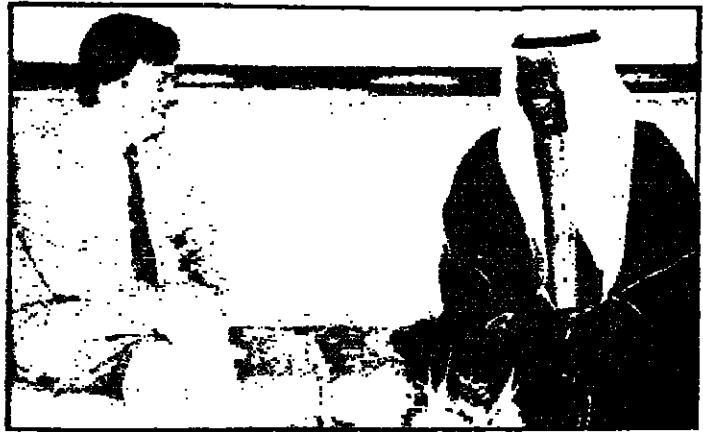
Sports and other such activities are held at Arabic school premises, much to the despair of parents, teachers and students.

School transportation system is poor. Children are not escorted on buses. Recently, a child was seen loitering on the Fahad Expressway when a bus carrying students of an Indian school broke down. Though an isolated incident, parents were infuriated. Schools say they have plans to remedy the situation and have teachers accompany the younger children on buses.

Parents, teachers and school managers agree that there is room for improvement. Teachers would like smaller classes; students want less homework and parents want better facilities, — sporting, teaching and others, for children. And school managements want more freedom to expand and provide better facilities.

If parents would like to see improved schooling, and they have a genuine complaint, they can take it to the Department of Private Education.

"We are here to investigate all genuine complaints. It is a pity that parents don't have the courage to tell us about the irregularities at school. If they come to us, we'll take action," said Al Sharrar.



HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, with Mello.

Saleh to visit Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Dec 21, (Kuna): President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen will arrive here tomorrow afternoon on a 3-day state visit to Pakistan.

Officials said that on his first ever official visit to Pakistan he will hold talks with President Zia-ul-Haq and Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo on matters of mutual interest.

Besides subjects of regional and international nature the talks would focus on ways and means of forging bilateral cooperation, especially in the economic and cultural fields, the officials said.

President Saleh will also go for sight-seeing in the historic city of Lahore.

Alawi returns

DAMASCUS, Dec 21, (Kuna): Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousef Bin Alawi today left here for his country after two-day official visit to Syria, during which he held talks with President Hafez Al Assad and Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara on latest developments in the Gulf.

In a press statement, Bi'Alawi expresses satisfaction on the outcome of the talks and said that he was briefed on Syrian points of view towards the Arab situation.

He added that he will convey President Assad's views to Sultan Qaboos Bin Saad of Oman, and noted that Assad's views conform with those of the Sultan especially those toward the current Arab issues.

He announced that the exchange of ambassadors between the two countries will take place shortly which in turn will boost bilateral relations and strengthen joint Arab action.

Sheikh Saad receives Mellor

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received the visiting British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, David Mellor. The meeting was attended by Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaime, Kuwaiti Ambassador in Britain Ghazi Al Rayes and British Ambassador to Kuwait, Peter Hiwchcliffe.

Mellor also had talks with Al Osaime.

A source at the Foreign Ministry said that Al Osaime discussed the situation in the Gulf, the Iran-Iraq war, particularly Security Council efforts to implement resolution 598 with Mellor.

Al Osaime held a luncheon at Hilton Hotel in honour of Mellor.

Earlier in the day, Mellor held talks with Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashid.

Rashed told Kuna that he and the British minister discussed the Gulf war, noting that the two sides expressed identical views toward halting the war.

Rashed said that the talks also tackled the situation in the occupied Arab territories and the Israeli violence against the Palestinian people.

Price increase control

THE chairman of the Union of Cooperative Societies, Ali Salem Abu Hadida, said the union had adopted a policy whereby the artificial increase in local prices could be controlled by abstaining from increasing the price of necessary commodities and major food items.

He said the increase in prices was due to many reasons, including hikes by producers, exchange rates and freight costs.

He said the union was following a policy of collective purchase of items. The collective purchases committee would consult the directors of cooperative societies about certain purchases in order to utilise their experience in this field.

Abu Hadida called on all Kuwaiti writers wishing to contribute to the union's magazine to avail themselves of the incentives offered by the union.

One-minute work stoppage observed

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and the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

At Arab League headquarters in Tunis, officials halted work, while the people of Algeria and Morocco observed a minute's silence, radios reported.

In Egypt, the only Arab state to have diplomatic relations with Israel, university students heeded the Arab League call.

Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed said yesterday Palestinians who are heroically facing the heavily armed occupation troops have set an example.

Their feat will go down in the brightest pages of history books, Sheikh Nasser said in his weekly diwaniya.

He hoped the struggle of Palestinians in the occupied territories will contribute to the liberation of Palestinians from the Israeli occupation.

South Yemen also observed a one-minute silence yesterday in solidarity with the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

In Marxist-ruled Aden, sirens blew and were broadcast by the state-run radio to alert inhabitants at the noon hour struck.

Muslims urged to extend help

THE Chairman of the Islamic Care Society Dalal Al Roumi called on Muslims to extend all necessary help to Muslims everywhere and encouraged Kuwait's public service societies to participate in the humanitarian campaign to be organised by the society beginning December 22 to collect money for needy Muslims.

Speaking at a press conference, Al Roumi said the theme of the campaign would be "Pay one dinar, rescue one Muslim," and would include a seminar with Dr Khaled Al Mazkour from Kuwait University and Dr Adel Al Falah from the Charity Authority as featured speakers.

Ministry signs contract

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Communication Ministry, Abdul Aziz Al Ayoub, yesterday signed a contract with a local firm for consultative and marketing services for the ministry's Visual Information Centre.

Under the contract provisions, the local firm will provide

marketing services for the Videotex system and offer the technical support needed for subscribers to use this system on a large scale and to develop it to introduce the largest possible number of extra user features.

The three-year contract also

provides for the formation of a joint committee from the ministry and the firm to establish the charges and subscription fees and related conditions. The committee will study the possibility of offering facilities to data suppliers and determine the percentage of collected revenues.



The undersecretary is seen signing the contract.

Liaison offices needed

THE director of the citizens office at Kuwait Municipality has stressed the need for the Civil Service Commission to set up a special office to liaise between citizens offices at all ministries.

He said that all complaints received by the office related to assessments, selling kiosks and agricultural areas. He said the municipality was planning to open a special office to receive complaints from women.

One killed in road accident

A MAN died in south Jahra after being run over by a car. There were 13 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday, with one accident happening in the capital, two in Hawalli, nine in Ahmadi and one in Jahra.

Arrested

SECURITY men in Hawalli have arrested an Iraqi on a charge of making and selling liquor.

They raided the suspect's flat and seized two buckets of liquor, distilling equipment, and some bottles of liquor.



Interior Ministry employees observe one minute's silence.

AIDS draft law must be applied by all Arab states

KUWAIT'S Public Health Undersecretary Dr Nael Al Naqub said that for the Kuwaiti AIDS draft law to be effective, Arab and Gulf states should apply it together. He elaborated that for the law to have any impact it would have to be applied by other Arab countries and not Kuwait alone. He added that Kuwait refuses to deal with the AIDS problem in the same manner as the rest of the world.

Dr Al Naqub said that the draft law had been reviewed at a recent meeting of the Arab Gulf states health secretariat. He explained that the draft law requires medical examinations and isolating persons carrying the disease.

Higher Housing Council to review demand for houses

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Housing Affairs Naser Al Rodhan said that the Higher Housing Council will review a report on the housing demands of Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis at its next meeting. He added that the final draft of the new housing system would be submitted to the Higher Housing Council for appropriate action.

The minister said that questionnaires completed by citizens on the Arab Housing Day were being analysed by the National Housing Authority and that a report would be issued on the attitude of citizens toward the different styles of housing projects based on the information gathered from the questionnaires.

Batash briefs envoys

THE director of the PLO Office in Kuwait, Awni Batash, yesterday met the heads of missions of Socialist countries accredited to Kuwait to inform them of the actual situation of the Palestinian people and atrocities of the Zionist Israeli forces in the occupied territories.

The representatives of the socialist countries expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Postal notice

KUWAIT'S Post Office Department has asked the public not to send bank notes or films by registered mail to Lebanon.

The Lebanese postal administration is not accepting such items temporarily, it said.

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OPINION

True leaders of Palestinians

MOST Palestinian leaders who struggle only through microphones from outside Palestine will probably now try to claim that the popular uprising in the occupied territories was their idea and motivated by them.

But it must be remembered that this uprising and revolution is a revolution from within, led only by the Palestinian flag. The young people who revolted did not raise the picture of anyone and did not salute or shout slogans of long life for anyone except Palestine and its flag. This is what disturbs and frightens Israel and at the same time pleases us and the Palestinian people.

Israel had become absorbed in its arrogance, which served us extremely well. We thank Mr Shamir and Mr Sharon for their feelings of hatred towards us, and we thank those who thought that no one except them deserved to live.

We want the arrogant Sharon to become the defence minister because we know he is ruthless, and we want more atrocities committed so the flame of revolution will burn more and more. For over 40 years many Palestinians have died, some naturally, some as martyrs — enough have died to have liberated Palestine. For 40 years we have waited for the promises of Britain, the US, the Western countries and even the Soviets to be fulfilled.

It is a serious mistake to request that the world intervene or ask Israel to implement the Geneva Convention and show mercy on the Palestinians. We do not want the mercy of Israel, and we will not show mercy when the current revolution is in full stride.

This revolution now awaits the birth of a new leadership from inside Palestine; a leadership that is not contaminated by forced donations, royal courts and red carpets.

The example of the Algerian revolution shows how revolution and its leadership must come from within — the leadership from outside in the Algerian revolution lived in Paris and died there. Their bodies were fattened on meat far removed from the revolution.

The revolutionaries have given us a clear impression of the current revolution through their slogans and the Palestinian flag. This revolution is not only against Israel, but is also a referendum on the Palestinian leadership and who it is. Is it the leadership of the 60 or 70 fronts or is it the leadership of the other 60 or 70 organisations who oppose the first? Or is it the leadership of those open shops on which huge sums of money are spent, resulting in more travel, receptions, press statements and bizarre ideologies. Sometimes they say that it is Mao Tse-tung who will liberate Palestine; at other times they say it is Kennedy, Nixon, or even Reagan. Some even say it is the compassionate Mrs Thatcher. On other occasions, they say that the liberation of Palestine will take place only after the whole Arab world unites, and we have to wait for another 100 years for that to happen.

For 40 years we thought that the new generation of Palestinians had forgotten their country, but now they have proven that they are stronger than those who wanted them to forget. The Palestinian popular uprising is a referendum on the Palestinians' just demand for the restoration of their rights, homeland and in choosing their true leadership.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Uprising in Gaza Strip

Palestinians have nothing to lose

By Karin Laub

JABALIA. Occupied Gaza Strip. (AP): The Jabalia refugee camp, the largest and most densely populated in the Gaza Strip, has become a center of resistance against the Israeli occupation in the last two weeks of rioting and bloodshed.

Residents, many of whom have lived in squalor for decades, say they have nothing left to lose by throwing stones at Israeli soldiers armed with submachine guns.

"When my sons go outside to demonstrate, I'm afraid for them, but I'm not going to stop them," said Neema Khalil Abu Sisi, 55, whose son, Hatem, 17, was killed in a clash with soldiers last week.

About 30 camp youths confronted a dozen soldiers in a narrow dirt road Saturday, throwing stones from behind barricades of burning tires and defiantly raising the Palestinian Liberation Organisation flag.

The soldiers advanced slowly, firing shots in the air. The protesters retreated into narrow side alleys to regroup.

Dragged

Minutes later, soldiers dragged a Palestinian teen-ager into an Army base inside the camp. The boy's mother followed a few yards behind, shouting at the soldiers.

Camp residents compose the bulk of the resistance (to the occupation), and the Jabalia camp is more militant than any other place," said Faez Abu Rahme, a prominent Palestinian lawyer.

Tore

During a recent visit, toddlers, their eyes covered by flies, played amid the open sewage, and goats tore pieces of garbage from an overflowing dumpster sitting in a main intersection.

A camp doctor who spoke on condition of anonymity said residents haul drinking water from three wells contaminated by sewage, and that there was an epidemic of parasitic diseases, including intestinal worms. Four doctors see 400 to 500 patients every day, he said.

Camp residents live in crowded conditions. In the home of Mohammed Youssef Abul Sisi, father of the youth who was killed last week, 13 people share four 30-square-foot rooms.

Giving peace process a chance

When elephants stop fighting smaller animals are heard

By Earl W. Foell

BOSTON: An East African saying puts it neatly: when the elephants quit fighting, you can hear the smaller animals. When the superpowers stop butting tusks and start talking, a lot of lesser quarrels begin to edge off dead centre.

Peace is certainly not yet breaking out all over. But explorations are — involving Vietnam and Cambodia, Central America, Israeli-East European relations, Afghanistan, Mozambique, a Middle East international conference.

Furthermore, when the elephants stop fighting, they begin to get serious about lesser negotiations. Areas in which they had almost given up even the pretence of serious bargaining spring to life. There are signs, for instance, that American-European-Soviet negotiations on reduction of conventional forces and chemical weapons may be about to move out of a long period of neglect.

For the American-West European alliance, such bargaining may be more important than the next step in Moscow-Washington negotiations: major cuts in long-range nuclear missiles. More on that in a moment.

It's difficult to estimate how far the various regional peace initiatives may go. Some (Vietnam, Israel-Eastern Europe) have not even been public yet. Hanoi's new-generation leaders are quietly hinting they would like to begin withdrawing Vietnamese troops from Cambodia ahead of their announced 1990 schedule.

Observers can be found to help guarantee a stable (meaning pro-Hanoi) regime there. Southeast Asian neighbours worry that Vietnam might pull troops out of one part of the country, and quietly insert them elsewhere.

Relations

Israel, still bargaining tough with Moscow over full resumption of relations broken off because of the 1967 Israel-Arab

war, is nearing some type of resumed relations with three Eastern European nations.

In Central America, the major Nicaraguan and Salvadorean opponents are very active, faced as they are with deadlines and intense public scrutiny. Even Cuban-American relations have warmed slightly as Mikhail Gorbachev, Havana's subsidiser, signed a first missile deal with Washington and almost daily makes clear that he wants to shrink subsidies of all kinds.

Gorbachev's cost-effective campaign has not changed his bottom-line terms on Afghanistan — a regime friendly to Moscow. But long-running explorations under UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar are narrowing differences on less central issues.

Mozambique's President had been in New York and Washington, trying to make the best of the Soviet-American thaw to reinforce the Reagan administration's sometimes wavering support. He is endangered by

guerrillas backed by, among others, United States Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Robert Dole of Kansas.

The US and Israeli foreign ministers tried to advance their plan for an international conference to midwife Arab-Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

As indicated earlier in this column, talks on conventional force reductions in Europe may be the sleeper in this whole catalogue of revived bargaining. Such reductions — of troops, tanks, helicopters, tank-killing weapons, etc. — could also be the most important of the lot in global strategic terms.

Back

So far, the mutual and balanced force reduction (MBFR) talks in Vienna have been nothing but a dead backwater in the superpower chess game. No less an authority than a host of the talks — Austria's forthright Foreign Minister Alois Mock — sees MBFR as fading. But he also

believes the subject is ripe for a comeback under a different guise, perhaps in Geneva.

There are two sources of momentum on this issue. First, Germany, France, and Britain may dig in their heels and say they will not back a US-Soviet deal on a 50 per cent reduction of long-range missiles unless there is a serious progress on conventional armies. Nato leaders don't wish to see the dismantling of their local shield against Soviet military superiority (short- and mid-range missiles) followed by reduction of the non-local nuclear deterrent (long-range missiles) without shrinkage of Soviet-bloc regular forces.

French officials reportedly have even gone so far as to consider moving some of their independent nuclear missiles into Germany as a bargaining counter. What makes any new negotiation on conventional forces both fascinating and difficult is the degree to which cuts would have to be "asymmetrical". What the Europeans (and the

US) want is heavier Soviet-bloc than Western reductions of manpower and weapons. When such bargaining gets serious, several apparently extraneous matters ought to be remembered:

1. The West does not need absolute parity of forces because of the uncertainty Moscow must live with regarding its Warsaw Pact partners. Five of the East-bloc bosses are in their 70s; turnover may lead to uneasiness — or instability. Eagerness of their armies has long been in question.

2. Moscow may be more willing to give ground on armed forces reduction because China has already unilaterally launched a 24 per cent cut in its army. Moscow's large forces have always been a response to fear of a two-front struggle in Europe and the Far East.

3. Pressure in Congress to bring US troops home may rise again, for budget or isolationist reasons. That pressure would assist Kremlin bargainers.

The Christian Science Monitor



Hart is a most puzzling character in US public life

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): Gary Hart, who stunned the nation by rejoining a Democratic presidential race he quit in May, is among the most perplexing figures in US public life.

The former Colorado Senator, 51, withdrew from the campaign after allegations he had an extramarital affair with 29-year-old Miami model Donna Rice.

Now he is back, declaring he has the power of new ideas and is as qualified to be president as anyone in 200 years.

Politics-watchers are trying to figure out just what goaded him to run again and what makes him tick.

"Essentially it's therapy by campaigning, the need to complete something that was unfinished," Democrat Ted van Dyk, who worked closely with Hart in past races, told Reuters.

Hart, announcing his born-again candidacy in New Hampshire last Tuesday, declared: "There is no shame in losing, only in quitting. If you believe in yourself... you don't give up."

Appalled

But friends and ex-followers expressed astonishment and dismay at his decision, which they said would cast the race into confusion, make the party a laughing stock, and hurt candidates who might otherwise beat the Republican nominee.

"I was just appalled," said Democratic Party veteran Frank Mankiewicz, an ex-Hart backer. Critics say money is a key Hart motive. He is \$1.1 million in debt from his losing 1984 bid but, by running, may get \$1 million in tax-funded election money.

Hart denies money is a motive. He says he is back in the race because other Democratic contenders — black activist Rev. Jesse Jackson, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis, Illinois Senator Paul Simon, Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, Missouri representative Richard Gephardt, and former Arizona

governor Bruce Babbitt — have ignored his old issues.

"That's just baloney," said Mankiewicz.

Critics say Hart put personal interest above his party's. Harvard University psychologist Robert Coles told Reuters: "For Gary Hart this is a grand obsession. God save the republic... there is no cure for him."

Complex

Political journalist Gail Sheehy, who has written extensively on Hart's upbringing, sought to explain his move as the outgrowth of a complex, "flawed" personality.

"Gary Hart has been driven to take reckless chances for many, many years," Sheehy told a television audience.

Asked to respond to charges that he was reckless and selfish, Hart told reporters, "I'm not... it's fiction... I am as entitled to run for office as anybody else."

Raised in the tiny town of Ottawa, Kansas, Hart was brought up in the restrictive fundamentalist church of the Nazarene by a strict mother who forbade dancing, movies, listening to the radio.

Crimped as a teenager, when others got the rebellion out of their system, he has rebelled ever since, Sheehy said.

Hart's "womanizing," she argued, "was a compulsion rooted not in seeking illicit sex but in proving he was so utterly worthy that he could break all the rules."

Frowned

Some ex-Hart campaign associates, speaking on condition they not be identified, agreed with Sheehy, one saying Hart seemed to think he was "destiny's child — above it all."

Denying such charges, Hart says he has apologised for the Rice episode and takes responsibility for it.

Hart's religious sect frowned on worldly success, which Sheehy said created in Hart an ambivalence toward political

power which persisted even as he quit Divinity School to study law at Yale, left the church, and entered politics.

She said this conflict over power made it certain Hart would self-destruct while running for the highest office.

Others have said he has a political death wish.

Hart has hit the press for hounding him. A theme of his new race is: let the voters decide, not the news media.

A Washington-area psychoanalyst, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said Hart's attacks on the press were a form of "projection" — a psychotherapeutic term which means attributing to others faults one does not like in oneself.

Politics scholar James Barber, author of the Presidential Character, said Hart had "a blind spot in his character" — he failed to understand that his actions had consequences. Last spring Hart invited reporters to spy on him, insisting his private life was boring, when in fact he was seeing Rice.

Separating

The analysts said Hart rigidly compartmentalised the world, separating issues and policies from questions of character that are, in fact, relevant in choosing a president.

"It's no one else's business," he told a television reporter who asked about his private conduct last week.

"Why not anyone else's business?" the reporter asked.

"Because it isn't," Hart stubbornly replied.

The psychoanalyst said Hart seemed uncertain about his "core identity," presumably because he was so constrained in adolescence, when most people form their sense of self.

As evidence of doubts about identity, the therapist cited Hart's change of his family name, which was Hartpence until 1961, and his business about his own age, which campaign biographies once listed as one year less than it actually was.

After the elections

Mood isn't right in Haiti

By Ed McCullough

PORT-AU-PRINCE. Haiti. (AP): The manager of Radio Metropole woke up one morning last week, tuned in his station and heard three straight Christmas songs. But in Haiti, "this year, nothing feels like Christmas," he said.

"The mood isn't right. I called and told them to play no more than two songs an hour," said manager Richard Widmaier.

He said ruefully that "as long as I can remember — at least 10 years — we broadcast only Christmas music beginning Dec 15."

Not for Christmas 1987, however.

The mood is hardly festive this holiday season in this dirty, overcrowded capital of 1 million people.

Since widely anticipated elections for president and national assembly were called off three weeks ago because of brutal attacks on voters by thugs — and, according to witnesses, soldiers — Haitians have ridden an emotional rollercoaster of shock, fear, outrage, frustration and resignation.

At least 34 people were killed in the terror campaign, most of them by gunfire or machete blows.

Nativity creches in this predominantly Roman Catholic nation are seldom seen. Nor are pine trees, invariably scraggly, lashed to car roofs.

Few are the stores with windows bordered by strings of lights, tinsel or bunting. Few homes wear the traditional lanterns of brightly coloured paper with a candle burning inside.

"I'm having a party but most of my friends aren't," said a manager of a large department store, who spoke on condition that neither she nor the store be identified. "There is no spirit this year. People are down."

Merchants downtown and in the wealthy suburb Petionville say business is way off, and really hasn't been robust since before nationwide demonstrations that began in the fall of 1985 and toppled dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier the following February.

"People aren't spending at all. We're down 40 per cent from last Christmas, and last Christmas wasn't good," said Ram Lulla, manager of the Little Europe Shop that sells expensive perfumes, baccarat crystal and imported jewelry.

"I'm not selling anything because nobody has any money," said a streetcorner vendor sitting on a wooden stool in the shade of radios stacked on planks between an open sewer and the hot Caribbean sun.

The military-dominated junta that replaced Duvalier apparently intends to remain in power, or at least to choose its successor.

The main presidential candidates are demanding that Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy and his two colleagues on the junta step down, a position religious, diplomatic and business groups quietly advocate but don't really expect will come to pass.

"The only way to qualify what happened (election day) is to say it was barbarous," Edmond Dupuy, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, said in an interview.

But business leaders stop short of openly endorsing the opposition.

"It isn't a question of the business community being for or against the provisional government," Dupuy said. "Those people are there. They have shown they have total control of the Army and are ready to use their firepower to do what they want to do. It is undemocratic and unfair."

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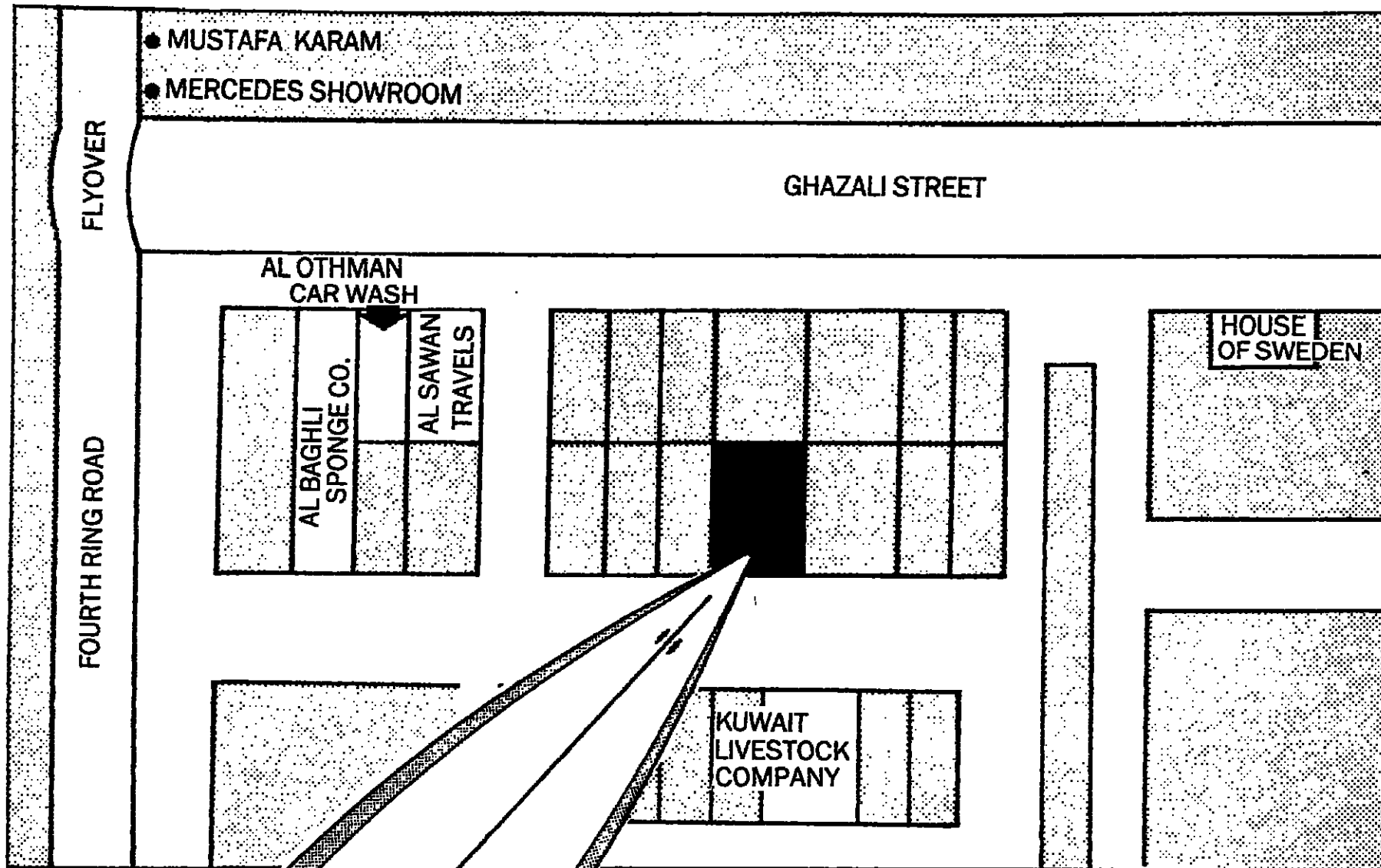
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TODAY IN HISTORY

- 69 — Roman emperor Vitellius is assassinated.
- 1636 — Archduke Ferdinand, son of the emperor, is elected king of the Romans.
- 1790 — Russian troops capture Ismail, Russia, from the Turks.
- 1894 — Alfred Dreyfus is convicted of treason by French court martial and is ordered imprisoned on Devil's Island in French Guiana.
- 1905 — Insurrection of Moscow workers; Revolution in Persia begins.
- 1929 — Round table conference opens between British viceroy and Indian party leaders on dominion status for India.
- 1942 — US Heavy Bombers raid Japanese-occupied Rangoon, Burma, in World War II.
- 1956 — Last Anglo-French forces leave Port Said, Egypt, following Suez war.
- 1958 — France and Egypt sign trade pact.
- 1963 — Greek liner Laconia catches fire and sinks in North Atlantic with loss of 150 lives.
- 1968 — Eighty-two crewmen of US intelligence ship Pueblo are released by North Korea at Panmunjom, 11 months after their capture off North Korea.
- 1975 — Pro-Palestinian commandos end 26-hour siege of Vienna, Austria, headquarters of world oil cartel, take hostages and airliner provided by Austria, and begin flight that takes them to several Middle East capitals.
- 1985 — Winnie Mandela, defying expulsion order, is arrested by police who drag her from her Soweto, South Africa, home.
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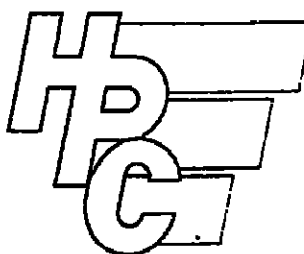
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Khalid Siddik — in search of Arab roots



Khalid Siddik: a rarity in the Gulf.

RENOWNED Kuwaiti film director Khalid Siddik is sometimes asked why he has not made a film about the modern Gulf region he lives in, with its steel and glass towers, freeways and oil wells.

"I've always sought out the real roots of the Arabs in their traditional environments, whether Kuwait, Sudan or the Silk Route days," he told Reuters in an interview, referring to his three feature films.

Siddik, 42, has set poignant love stories in the oases of Sudan and in the pearling days before Kuwait's oil boom.

In his latest movie, he turns the clock back 600 years to the height of Arab empire when European adventurers, Arab traders and Indian beauties mingled on Marco Polo's Silk Route to China.

Siddik is a rarity in the Gulf Arab states, where a handful of film makers produce mostly state-sponsored documentaries and TV serials.

Classic

He has overcome parental rebuke, religious opposition and financial risk to achieve recognition at home and abroad as a leading Arab writer, director and producer of full-length feature films.

Siddik recalled that when his first film, "Bas Ya Bahr" (The Cruel Sea), came out in 1972, some Kuwaiti parliamentarians called for the negatives to be burned.

The award-winning film is now regarded as a classic, the tragic story of a young Kuwaiti who dies on a pearling trip trying to earn the bride price for the girl he loves.

Siddik's passion for the screen started early while he

was in school in India, the Third World's leading film maker.

When he returned to Kuwait aged 16, his religious father deemed film-making un-Islamic and insisted he go into the family business.

"I told him if I joined the family firm it would go bust in a fortnight," Siddik remembers. "But my father resisted (Siddik's film-making) until his last moments."

He learned the rudiments of cinematic technique in the early days of Kuwaiti television and studied in Britain. Italy and the United States.



Indian actress Kiran Juneja with the falcon in a still from Khalid Siddik's 'Shahen'.



Actors from Syria, Italy, Kuwait and India star in 'Shahen'. A still from the film.

"The Cruel Sea" is about the struggle of people with nature before the discovery of oil," Siddik says. "I thought it was important for the West and a lot of Arab countries to know what Kuwait was like before oil."

Success

Kuwait's mud huts and traditional wedding dances and the long months at sea vanished 50 years ago, but are vividly shown in Siddik's film.

The success of "The Cruel Sea," which won nine international awards, encouraged Siddik in 1975 to set up his own

studio in Kuwait, the first private studio in the Gulf.

His next film was adapted from Sudanese writer Al-Tayeb Saleh's novel, "Urs Az-Zain" (The Wedding of Zain).

The Hollywood magazine variety said it "held its own with most of the films in the Venice festival."

The first to make a feature film in Sudan, Siddik's crew braved lions, searing desert heat and mechanical breakdown while travelling to and from a remote oasis village.

"The Wedding of Zain" (1978) tells how a buffoon reviled by local religious

leaders wins the most beautiful girl in the village through his simple, pure spirituality.

"Shahen," the latest film, is due to make its world premiere in Kuwait next year.

Using actors from Syria, Italy, Kuwait and India, Siddik adapts an Italian love story — from Boccaccio's Decameron — to the backdrop of cosmopolitan India.

Co-produced with Italian television and an Indian company, the film will come out in four separate versions — Arabic, Hindi, English and Italian.

"Filming the Tower of Babel would have been easier," Siddik said with a laugh.

Dialogue

His previous films carried English and classical Arabic subtitles — so Arabs not familiar with the Kuwaiti and Sudanese dialects could follow the dialogue.

In "Shahen," the Arabic name of a prized Indian falcon, an Italian traveller kills the treasured bird he needs to survive, to prove his love for the Indian wife of an Arab merchant.

"The backdrop is historical, the story is romantic and the political message is there — the peaceful co-existence of nations despite their religious differences," Siddik says.

"All my films have different levels, so both the masses and intellectuals can appreciate them."

Will the next film also intertwine romance with Arab history and tradition?

"After Shahen, I have to shift totally," Siddik says. "I don't want to have the same type of films stamped on me."

New chief for BBC Cairo

BARNABY Mason has been appointed Chief of the BBC's Cairo Bureau. He takes up his new post in January. Mason succeeds Bob Jobbins who has returned to London to be head of the BBC Arabic Service.

Mason, 42, trained as a journalist in 1971 and since then has worked for the BBC's External Services News Department in a number of editorial capacities. He was also UK Affairs Correspondent, North Africa Correspondent and, most recently as Special Correspondent in the Pacific.

Mason, who is returning to the Arab world after four years, says: "I'm looking forward to the challenge of bringing alive to listeners the reality of Egypt."



Barnaby Mason.

BBC Arabic Service broadcasts to the Middle East daily between 0345-0534 (GMT) and 1300-2000 (GMT) on 417, 427 and 469 metre bands.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Cairo Pharmacy
Starring: Mike Norris, Steve Durham

Al Salmiya
Ruthless People
Starring: Danny De Vito

Al Hamra
Li'Adam Kifayah Al Adalah (Arabic)
Starring: Najla Fathi, Yusra, Salah Saadani

Drive-In
Jara Al Wuhoosh (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Sharifi, Noora, Hussein Fahmi, Mahmoud Abdul Aziz

Al Firdous
Tarana (Hindi)
Starring: Dilip Kumar, Madhubala

Fahadheel Open-Air
Ghazab (Hindi)

Salamiya and Rumalithiya
Hiba Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.

Fahadheel and Ahmadi
Fulaj Pharmacy
Khalifa Fulaj Bldg., Mak-kah St., F'heel

Farwana
Al Najat Pharmacy
Main St.

Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Cooperative Society

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Born American
Starring: Mike Norris, Steve Durham

Al Salmiya
Ruthless People
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Equals Against Devils

Al Jahra
Sidatru (Bengali)

Granada
Geetam (Malayalam)

Sulabikhat
Protector

Al Jleeb
Naag Purnima (Bengali)

Ahmadi Drive-In
La'anat Al Maal (Arabic)
Starring: Hatem Zulfikar, Imaan, Yusuf Shaban

PRAYERS

Fajr 5.14 am
Zuhr 11.47
Asr 2.37 pm
Maghreb 4.55
Isha 6.17



● A three-day "Club Party Night" was held at Messilah Beach Hotel's Al Jawharah Night Club. Fifty-seven amateur performers from the hotel took part in the show which was accompanied by a special seven course dinner. The show, produced by Peter Stubbs, Dave Churchman and Malcolm Walker, was the start of a series of such events which will be staged throughout the year. Above: Bob Chapman performing at Club Party Night.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Free Atelier

Over 90 paintings by Palestinian artist Mohammad Boushnaq are on show at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Society for Formative Arts. Open daily from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until Dec 22.

Bahrain Modern Art Show
70 modern art paintings by Bahraini artists are on show at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery. Open daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm, until Dec 28.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
Pastries, stollens and logs for the festive season and New Year are available at the Lobby Lounge. Lunch featuring seasonal food will be offered at the Coffee Shop, Al Dana and Al Andalus. For details contact the hotel.

At the Sheraton

Al Hambra features a special buffet lunch on Dec. 25. Hunt Room will offer lunch and dinner buffet and a la carte; music by the Paradise Trio. A selection of set menus will be offered for dinner on Dec 24 and 25. Le Tarbouche features special lunch and dinner buffets.

SOCIAL

ACT
Auditions for ACT's next production "An Evening of Absurdity" will be held on Dec 28 (Monday) and Dec 30 (Wednesday) from 7 to 9 pm. For further details and location call 5620332; 5725071.

Malayalee Drama
Vishwabharati Theatre, Abbasiya, will present a Malayalee Drama, written by Thomas Perumpilly, on Dec. 25, at the Indian Embassy auditorium.

ASK Alumni Dinner
Friends and graduates of the American School, Kuwait, will hold an alumni dinner at Regency Palace Hotel on Jan. 3. The Arabic buffet will begin at 8 pm. For details phone Mrs Suzy Jones — 5314568.

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads

Rugby Club
Thursday: Youths XV vs Veterans XV at Fintas; kick-off, 3.30 pm. All players must report by 3.15 pm.

FILMS

Indian Film Festival

Tonight, Aparna Sen's award-winning film 36 Chowringhee Lane will be shown at 7.30 pm in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Children are not admitted. For further details contact Cine Club, Nr. Indian Embassy, Bneid Al Qar.

British Council

Two children's films — The Christmas Raccoon and Raccoons on Ice (50 minutes) will be shown at 6 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday at the British Council in Mansouriya. For reservations call 2533204; 2533227.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran
2.30 World News via Satellite
3.30 Hakim Al Aqzam: cartoon serial
4.00 News Summary
4.05 World News via Satellite
4.45 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial, featuring Yusuf Shabaan, Raghdha, Hala Fakher
5.15 Al Manahel: children's serial, starring Ahmad Qawadari, Tayseer Altiya
5.45 Expeditions: documentary
6.15 You and Your Health: local programme
7.05 News Summary
7.15 Afaq Al Fann: Art Horizons
8.00 Hadith Al Usbooh: religious talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar
8.15 Good Evening and Local News
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Ghaddan Tadaq Al Ajar: daily serial, starring Salah Saadani, Hina Tharwat
10.50 Bidoun Montage: a local programme featuring Kuwaiti personalities. Presented by Mubarak Al Amir
11.30 News Summary
11.35 World News via Satellite
12.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 The Enchanted House: cartoons



Woody Allen stars in The Front, tonight's Cine Club film at 10.00 pm on KTV 2.

6.30 The New Animal World: a look at a rare species of lions inhabiting the mountainous region of North America
7.00 For the Record: "Change of Place." A farmer's family is forced to leave their ranch after the father's death
8.00 News in English
8.40 You and the Law
8.50 Bridges to Cross: "Memories of Molly." An oil company is under investigation
9.30 Mary: "And the Winner Is..." Mary wins an award for writing an article in a fashion magazine.

10.00 Cine Club: "The Front." Allen is a schnook enlisted by blacklisted writers to put his name on their scripts during the 1950s witchhunt era. Starring: Woody Allen, Zero Mostel, Michael Murphy, Andrea Marcovici, Renak Ramsay. (1976; directed by Martin Ritt)

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

FM Services

06.00-08.30 Easy listening
08.30-08.40 News
08.40-10.00 Easy listening
10.00-13.00 Songs and Music
13.30-15.00 News
13.40-14.00 Easy Listening
14.00-16.00 Classical music
16.00-17.00 Easy listening
17.00-18.00 Italian hour
18.00-21.30 Pop
21.30-21.45 News
21.45-22.00 Pop
22.00-23.00 The Indian Classical
23.00-24.00 Easy listening
24.00-02.00 Instrumental listening

English

Morning
06.00 Opening
08.02 Songs and music
08.05 Thoughts in Islam
08.20 Songs and music
08.30 News
08.40 Songs and music
08.45 Daily Programme
09.00 Songs and music
09.30 They sold a million
10.00 Our Press Today
10.05 Songs and music
10.30 Country collection
11.00 Closedown
13.30 News on the FM service

Evening

21.00 Opening
21.02 In the Latin Mood
21.30 News
21.45 Point of view
21.45 Songs and music
22.00 Mohammad (P.B.U.H.) the light of Islam
22.15 In the groove
22.45 Daily programme
23.00 Hit special
23.30 Jazz in action
24.00 Closedown

Urdu

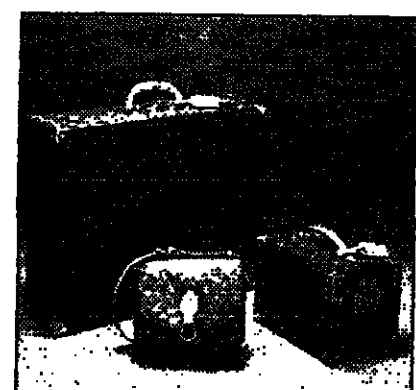
1900 Opening/Holy Quran
1910 Behtereen Qaul
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Radio Club
2000 News in Urdu
2020 Songs
2040 Jahan Numa
2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsreel
30 From the Proms
0100 News summary followed by Outlook
30 Short Story
45 A future for the Past
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Sports International
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 John Peel
0400 Newsdesk
30 This Musical World (ex 24th Organists of Paris)
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 New Ideas
40 Book Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newsdesk
30 Essays on Popular Music
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 A future for the Past
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections

15 Tech Talk
30 From the Proms
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Music for a While
1000 News Summary followed by Discovery
30 Sports International
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Newsreel
25 A Letter from Scotland
30 Citizens
1200 Radio Newsreel
15 Multitrack I
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK
45 Recording of the Week
1400 Outlook, opening with News Summary
45 This Musical World
1500 Radio Newsreel
15 A Jolly Good Show
1600 World News
09 A Letter from Scotland
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsdesk
30 Development '87
1900 Outlook opening with News Summary
39 Stock Market Report
45 Report on Religion
2000 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Meridian
2100 News Summary followed by Natural Selection
10 Book Choice
15 Concert Hall
2200 World News
09 The World Today
25 A Letter from Scotland
30 Financial News
40 Reflections
5 Sports Roundup

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Unique project to promote understanding through science and knowledge

Cultural Utopia emerging in a desert

The Madinat Al Hikmat, a multi-purpose project to promote education and culture is taking shape at a little distance from Karachi. The basic concept of the Madinat Al Hikmat is to create an atmosphere conducive to learning. By undertaking such a huge project, the Hamdard Foundation hopes it will be able to strengthen ties in the Islamic world through science and knowledge. Arab Times senior reporter Hamid Siddiqui, who toured the Madinat Al Hikmat site during his recent visit to Karachi, writes about the project.

By Hamid Siddiqui

A CITY of culture and knowledge is emerging on a 300-acre piece of land in a desert area near Karachi, that would provide Pakistan, where mass literacy is at a low level, with one of the best universities in the country. Students from the underdeveloped areas will derive the benefits of this seat of learning.

Located near the Hub river

on Bund Murad in Karachi, the complex of Madinat Al Hikmat (City of Learning) will house the Hamdard University, Centre for Culture and Learning, Convention Centre, Hamdard Library, Hamdard School, the Institute of Sciences, a youth centre, a grand mosque, a sports stadium, an orphan home and staff colony.

The complex is being built by the Hamdard Foundation, which will also run it.

The story of Hamdard, whose name stands out in the

world in the field of medicine, education, research and cultural activities, began in 1906 when an Indian physician of Eastern medicine, Hakim Abdul Majeed, founded the House of Hamdard. Guided by the principle that every man should serve his fellow human being, he dedicated to the cause of humanity.

Hakim Abdul Majeed was a dedicated physician and at one stage realising that natural drugs are a good cure for physical ailments, decided to establish a drug-manufacturing facility. This is how Hamdard, meaning in Persian a person who shares other people's pain and ordeal, came into being. It soon developed into a big establishment and expanded its areas of activities.

Hakim Majeed's two sons, Hakim Abdul Hameed and Hakim Mohammad Saeed, following the footsteps of their father, explored new areas and provided fresh dimensions to the activities of Hamdard which today stands out as an organisation of international repute. It is recognised around the world including the World Health Organisation (WHO).

With the partition of the sub-continent, the two brothers parted from each other with the pledge that both would continue their service to humanity. At the time of migration to Pakistan in 1947, Hakim Saeed transferred all his assets from Hamdard Waqf (India) and made a new beginning in the newly-born country with meagre resources.

Struggling hard and having a clear sense of direction and purpose, Hakim Saeed in 1953 brought Hamdard (Pakistan)

to a stage where he could transfer his ownership to a Waqf (trust). And this is how the Hamdard Foundation, the first such organisation in Pakistan came into existence.

There are two elementary points regarding the House of Hamdard. Firstly, it is a pharmaceutical concern, the profits of which are considered to be national assets. Secondly, the foundation is devoted to social work and all profits of Hamdard (Waqf) are channelled to the foundation's social welfare activities.

Hakim Saeed says that, primarily, Hamdard's area of activity is medicine but since all disciplines of learning and human well-being are interconnected to each other, neither he nor Hamdard Foundation could stay away from the comprehensive realm of education. These considerations, he said, led Hamdard to undertake the task of building the Madinat Al Hikmat.

On Dec 15, 1983 over a hundred eminent personalities assembled at the project site and each laid a brick for the foundation of Madinat Al Hikmat. Since December 1983 work on the huge project is going on at a fast pace.

Dar Al Hikmat

Dar Al Hikmat (Centre of Learning) will be an institution which would follow developments in the field of learning taking place outside Pakistan. It would keep the scholars informed about the latest advancement in science and technology and other areas of knowledge. The Dar Al Hikmat building will be a multi-purpose one and will serve as the nuclei for different faculties and offices. These faculties will have committee rooms and auditoriums with modern facilities.

The centre will have a modern auditorium to hold lectures and social programmes. In addition to the main auditorium with a capacity of 1,500 persons, there will also be smaller auditoriums and committee rooms. The ground floor of the six-storey building will have a cafeteria, a library, a sales centre for books, a sales

centre for newspapers and periodicals, air-travel office, an art gallery and a printing press.

Madinat Al Hikmat will have a grand convention centre named after the Kuwaiti ruling family. While designing this centre the aesthetic and functional aspects have been kept in mind. Kuwait's Public Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Awadi laid the foundation in 1985.

The Hamdard School, for 5,000 children, is being built on a 60-acre area. One block of the building is completed and it is hoped the school will start functioning from early next year. Prominent educationists of the country have extended advisory help to the school.

Al Furqan will be a house for 1,000 orphans who will be educated on primary and higher levels. Hamdard Foundation has sought financial help from outside Pakistan to construct its building and other facilities.

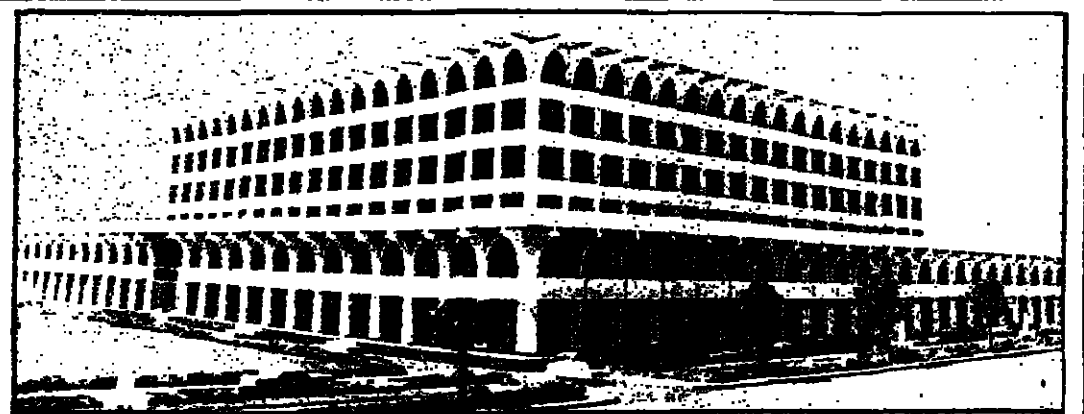
University

Hamdard University will be the main attraction at the Madinat Al Hikmat. President General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq laid the foundation of the university on June 17, 1985 and announced that the government had in principle agreed to grant charter to the university. Unesco also pledged cooperation.

Students after passing the secondary school examination will be eligible for admission into the university. Arab students may be admitted directly but non-Arabs, with little knowledge of Arabic will have to attend a one-year course in Arabic.

The total length of study will be nine years divided into three stages. The students will be taught the fundamentals of Islamic belief (faith), Islamic system of life, Quran, Hadith, Islamic jurisprudence, Islamic history, and Ilm Al Kalam (dialectics).

The Institute of Medical Sciences at the Hamdard University will be a teaching and research centre of immense value. Equal importance will be given to this institution to traditional wisdom and con-



A model of the 'Firdaus-ul-Kutab' (the Hamdard Library).

temporary medical science. The aim is to create a synthesis of the old and new for the benefit of the contemporary society. Pakistani scholars would contribute in the research projects and the Hamdard Foundation has also established contacts with the World Health Organisation to make maximum use of international expertise in this field.

Institute of Islamic Thought

The Institute of Islamic Thought will conduct research studies in Islam and contemporary religions. The institute will be open to research scholars from all over the world.

Hakim Saeed's library one of the best in Pakistan, is housed presently at the Hamdard Foundation in Nazimabad, Karachi. It has about 100,000 volumes and receives about 800 periodicals annually. This library will be shifted to Madinat Al Hikmat where a new building for Hamdard Library is under construction. The new building is expected to accommodate about 2.5 million books. A world-wide campaign to collect books is underway. Indexing at the library will be computerised and will be equipped with all modern facilities.

There are at least three million manuscripts, belonging

to the period between 9th and 14th centuries A.D., available with different sources all over the world. Hamdard is trying to collect this valuable data in the form of copies and micro-films so that a unified catalogue is compiled and made available to research workers.

The Madinat Al Hikmat will also have a Teaching Science Museum for children. Hakim Saeed, the president of the Hamdard Foundation, has sought experience of the officials of the Ontario Science Centre in Canada to run the facility.

Realising that residential facilities for scholars conducting research work is most essential a Scholars House has been established at the Madinat Al Hikmat that will serve as a home with all needed facilities for scholars visiting Pakistan. The house will also provide residential facilities to delegates attending international conferences.

Some Pakistani academics and research organisations have rendered valuable service despite several problems which include lack of space. One such example is the Pakistan Historical Society. Hamdard has, therefore, decided to construct a building to accommodate offices of such organisations.

A grand mosque, Madina

Masjid, will be one of the focal points of Madinat Al Hikmat. The foundation of this mosque was laid by Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo in August 1987.

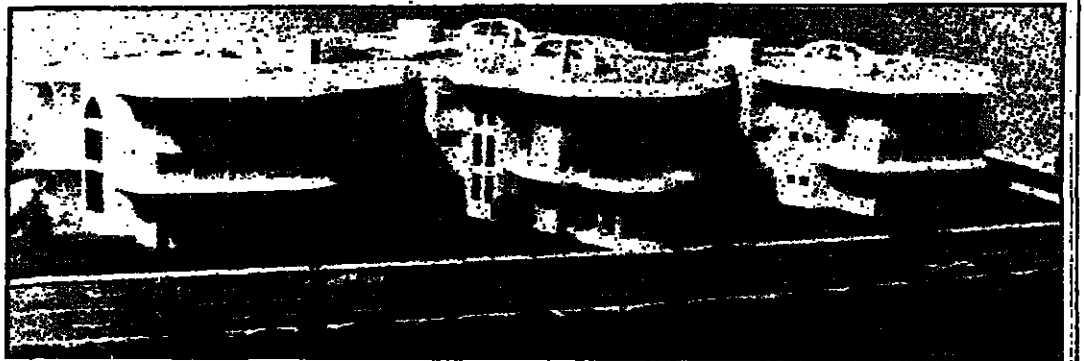
Madinat Al Hikmat will also have a medical complex. A hospital for indoor and outdoor patients is under construction where they will be treated both by Eastern and allopathic medicinal system. This hospital is also proposed to have acupuncture treatment facilities.

The sports complex at the Madinat Al Hikmat, Hamdard Club, will provide facilities for sports and physical exercise. It will have football, hockey and cricket grounds and volleyball, tennis and badminton courts. Indoor games facilities will also be a part of the complex.

A staff colony, estimated to have 1,000 houses and flats is planned to fulfil the residential requirements of the staff at the Madinat Al Hikmat.

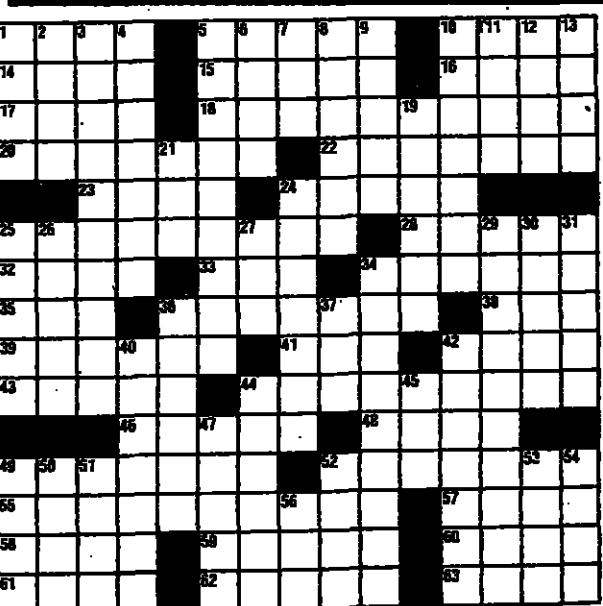
Hakim Saeed, a man of international repute, had held senior positions in Pakistan. Member of several medical and social organisations, he is an author of numerous books on Islam and Eastern medicine.

As a practising physician, Hakim Saeed travels every month to major cities of Pakistan to treat patients.



Model of one of the three blocks of the Hamdard School.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Resting places
- 5 Cause a consequence
- 10 Covering a large area
- 14 Bread spread
- 15 Not a soul
- 16 Lake Indian
- 17 In — of (instead)
- 18 Wine storage cabinet
- 20 Food samplers
- 22 Standing out of water
- 23 Arrived
- 24 Very, in music
- 25 Conducts a business deal
- 28 Queenlike
- 32 Irritate
- 33 Posed for a portrait
- 34 Grayish green shade
- 35 Gardner
- 36 Went back on one's word
- 38 Rower's need
- 39 Formed into a tangled mass
- 41 Droop
- 42 Surrounded by
- 43 Get some shut-eye
- 44 Banjo players
- 46 Vaults
- 48 Boodie
- 49 Rhythmic beat
- 52 Covered a wall
- 55 Nobleman
- 57 Two-wheeler
- 58 Prefix with tint or tone
- 59 Wash lightly
- 60 Yemen seaport
- 61 Back talk
- 62 Homes for robins
- 63 Being

DOWN

- 1 — out of the blue
- 2 Charles Lamb
- 3 Lower in intensity
- 4 Cassock
- 5 Raised in value
- 6 Certain votes
- 7 Mil. title
- 8 Excepting
- 9 Paper measures
- 10 Common thrushes
- 11 Crafts' companion
- 12 Location
- 13 Word with up or off
- 19 Constructed
- 21 Printer's measures
- 24 Swears to
- 25 Streetcars, in Soho
- 26 Foe
- 27 Preserve

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

CATNAPS BENEFIC
ANAEMIA ELEVATE
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

- ♠ K 10 4
- ♥ J 10 3 2
- ♦ 8 2
- ♣ A Q 7 6

WEST

- ♠ 6
- ♥ K Q 9 7 6 5
- ♦ 10 7
- ♣ 9 8 5 3

EAST

- ♠ A 9 7 2
- ♥ Void
- ♦ K J 6 5 4 3
- ♣ K J 4

SOUTH

- ♠ Q J 8 5 3
- ♥ A 8 4
- ♦ A Q 9
- ♣ 10 2

The bidding:

North East South West
Pass 1♦ 2♦ 2♥
Dbl Pass 2♠ Pass
♣♣ Dbl Pass Pass

Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♦

Male bridge players tend to look

down on competitors of the opposite

sex. At the recent World Cham-

ionships in Ocho Rios, Jamaica,

however, our vote for the best-

played hand would have gone to Lu-

ciana Capodanno of Italy for this

effort.

South's takeout double is typical

of the Italian style, where all hands

of opening bid strength compete

with a double, regardless of shape.

The result was a rather ambitious

four-spade contract, and the expert commentators forecast a one-trick set. They were proved wrong.

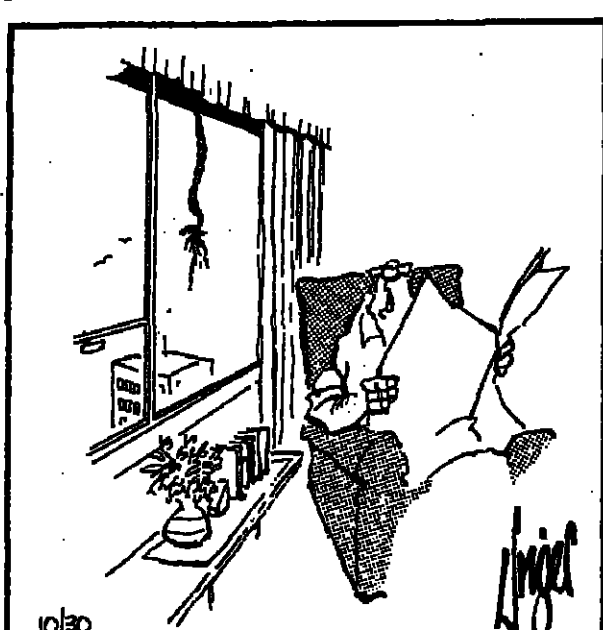
Declarer won the opening lead, cashed her remaining high diamond and ruffed a diamond in dummy. The king of spades was taken by East's ace, and the trump return was won by the table's ten. Reading the hand perfectly, declarer now led a low club from the board, taken by East's jack. East did as well as she could by reverting to a diamond, which declarer ruffed in hand and drew another trump to bring about this position:

♠ J 10 3
♥ —
♦ A Q
♣ 7 —
♠ —
♥ —
♦ K Q 9
♣ 9 8
♠ J
♥ —
♦ A 8 4
♣ —
♠ 10
♥ —
♦ —
♣ K 4

When declarer led her last trump, West had to hold all her hearts, so she discarded a club. Declarer then

crossed to the ace of clubs and ran the jack of hearts to West's queen, to complete an end play. West's

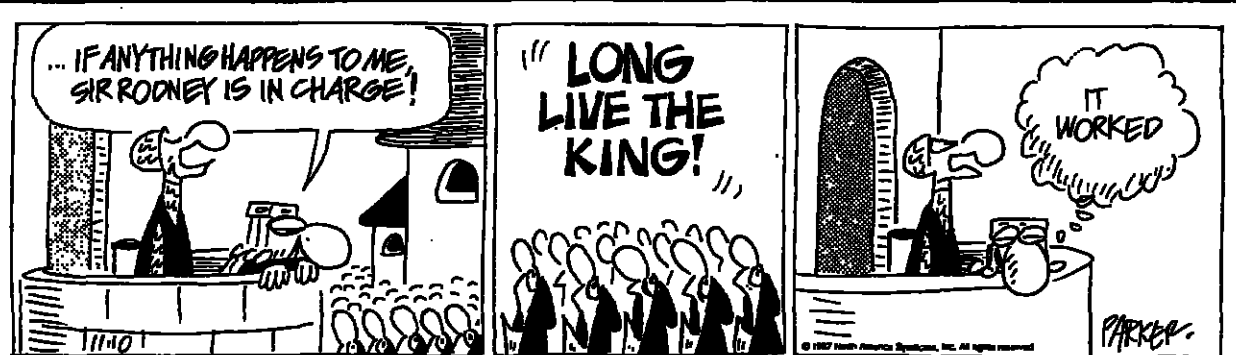
forced heart return allowed declarer to hold her losses to one trump, one heart and one club.



"What was that window cleaner shouting about?"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will find others more attuned to you. Spend a little while clarifying your ideas. Do not hesitate to ask for advice and do not be slow to act on it. Be firm.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You should hold your head high without being arrogant. Your personal life is under more favourable influences. You should not allow some triviality to get on your nerves. Be contented.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You have no time to lose nor any surplus energy, so concentrate. A good opportunity is likely to be missed. You should avoid entering into commitments that would be hard to meet.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You should keep calm when dealing with an irritable person. Not everything will proceed quite as you would have wished, but you will be able to make the most of things.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to deal with some small annoyances. You will be able to achieve more positive results at work.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>You should ensure that you keep yourself abreast of changes. Avoid doing anything that you feel is not quite right. Try to have a good laugh at yourself and the situation you are in. Be cordial.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You will be able to show your sympathy for a friend in difficulty. And it will be reassuring for you to know that such things also happen to others. The Moon's influence will help you to do your best.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You would do well to sharpen your sense of urgency. This is not a time to take any chances or to trust too much to luck. You should have a little more regard for your colleagues. Be responsive.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You have the wind in your sails but you should check that you are heading in the right direction. Do not hesitate to discuss matters with your colleagues and your partner. Leave yourself with an alternative.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>You should not allow your determination to flag. Mercury's influence will help you to make up your mind. Do not permit others to steal your glory. Be a little more audacious.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>You will find it easier to do what has to be done. Avoid making a nuisance of yourself and do not allow others to bother you. Take a new look at something you have considered to be obvious.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>If you ask for more than you deserve you will not get it. Venus's influence will help you to keep your impulses under better control. You should avoid jumping to conclusions. Be reliable.</p>

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GCC strategy to diversify income resources

DOHA, Dec 21. (Opecna): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, has said that his country and other Arab states of the Gulf have laid down a strategy of diversifying their sources of income, based on the realisation that oil is depletable.

In an interview published yesterday in the Saudi daily newspaper Al Jazirah, the ruler observed that in order to implement the strategy, each country should make the best use of its local human and material potential, along with soliciting foreign expertise wherever necessary.

The Amir stated that his country had begun the year just ending with the development of the North Gasfield project to meet local needs in the first phase and export liquefied gas in the second stage.

Cost

The cost of the project was put at about \$1 billion, the Amir noted, adding that gas exports were expected to be made in the second half of the 1990s after securing markets abroad.

Al Thani expressed the hope the development of the North Field would contribute in supporting economic cooperation among fellow members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), if chances were made available to market the gas regionally.

Opec may call extraordinary meeting, says Subroto

JAKARTA, Dec 21. (AP): Minies and Energy Minister Subroto said today the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries may call an extraordinary meeting if oil prices continue to decline.

He told reporters that the oil organisation may consider reducing its production in order to drive prices up and maintain its target price of \$18 a barrel.

"If prices continue to drop until the second or third week of the first quarter next year, the price committee may call an extraordinary meeting to discuss reduction of Opec total production," Subroto said.

He said Opec now produces about 18 million barrels a day.

Subroto said, however, he believed the price fluctuations on spot markets are "speculative."

Steady

He said the oil market's supply and demand were remaining steady, which "gives us a conclusion that the price fall is temporary."

He said Opec should be able to maintain its target price if each member would keep within its production limit.

He said Iraq, which refused to sign Opec's quota agreement, has reduced its production to around 2.5 million barrels from around 2.8 million barrels a day before the last Opec meeting in Vienna last week.

The UAE which was reported before the meeting to be exceeding its quota, also has reduced production, Subroto said. He gave no figures.

A barrel is 42 gallons (160 liters).

Pertamina signs two exploration contracts

JAKARTA, Dec 21. (UPI): Indonesia's state oil company, Pertamina, today signed two oil exploration contracts together worth \$71 million with the British company Britoil and the American oil companies Chevron and Texaco.

The contracts are for exploration in eastern Indonesia, in regions considered "frontier" areas where little previous exploration work has been undertaken.

The signings bring to seven the number of Indonesian production-sharing contracts concluded this year, compared with three in 1986, and six in 1985.

Contract

Britoil's new 'Sula' exploration block is a 9,700-square-mile (25,000-sq-km) on- and offshore area located in the Sula Archipelago, off the east coast of the island of Sulawesi.

With acquisition of the Sula block, almost 50 per cent of Britoil's gross acreage holdings will be in Indonesia, according to Britoil's general manager for Indonesia, RJ Johnson.

Britoil has paid \$1.5 million for the contract and is committed to spending at least \$35 million over six years on exploration activities.

How real is the threat?

Stock tumble makes mark on US mind

WASHINGTON, Dec 21. (UPI): Most Americans were born long after the great depression, as the periodic recessions since then have not etched a meaningful, lasting impression on the US psyche.

So the stock market collapse on Oct 19, 1987, marked the day when a frightening realisation occurred to millions of Americans for the first time.

A truly severe economic downturn, a recession or even a depression, could actually happen. It happened in the 1930s and it could happen again. Businesses would fail, jobs would be lost. Hard times for everyone.

But how real is the threat? A recession probably will not happen in 1988, according to many analysts who feel the economy is just healthy enough to turn out its sixth straight year of expansion.

Robust

Despite the crash, other evidence is positive.

Gross National Product, which measures economic growth, jumped a robust 4.3 per cent in the third quarter of 1987. Employment is high. Inflation remains low. Capital spending and investment are on the rise.

The gloom and doom predictions that followed the market crash may reflect "turmoil and foreboding" in the financial markets and from commentators, wrote economist Robert J. Samuelson in the Washington Post.

But the other economy consists of real people and businesses, (and) it's booming and remarkably prosperous," he added.

Few experts, however, would be shocked if the combined effects of the stock market panic,

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the stubborn trade deficit, massive budget shortfalls, high interest rates and the falling value of the dollar push the economy into a tailspin. And the 508-point plunge in the Dow Jones industrial average on Black Monday did more than increase chances of recession.

"It scared the hell out of just about everybody," said Jay Goldinger, a financial analyst with Cantor, Fitzgerald and Co.

The crash is slowly, slowly starting to seep its way through the crack of the US and world economies," he added.

"A lot of it is psychology," said economist Sandra Shaber of the Futures Group. There is a risk, she added, that uncertainty and anxiety caused by the crash will feed on itself and make matters worse.

Curbing

If the crash spooks Americans into sharply curbing consumption, for example, it could lead to an unhappy, self-fulfilling prophecy.

"The more they fear, the less they will buy and borrow, and the more likely their fears of recession will come true," she said. Consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of the \$4.5 trillion American economy.

The shock effect of the crash, however, might have performed an invaluable service. It might

spur world political leaders to act to correct serious economic problems, including trade and budget imbalances as well as currency instability.

A group of 33 economists from 13 countries, through a study released by the institute for international economics, joined on Dec 16 to stress that unless action is taken, the international economy almost certainly will collapse.

Pumping

The first step toward putting the global financial house in order, said economist Hugh Johnson of First Albany Corp., is to restore international policy coordination.

"Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall" when the crash occurred, said Johnson. "What we've been in the process of doing since Black Monday is putting Humpty back together again."

The Federal Reserve Board, which tightened credit availability before the market panic, helped stem the crash by quickly pumping money into the economy, thus lowering interest rates.

The panic, Johnson said, was linked to a lack of cooperation between the United States and major trading partners, especially Japan and West Germany, in easing trade and budget imbalances and stabilising currency exchange rates.

Johnson was encouraged by a reduction in European interest rates, which should stimulate growth, attract US exports and help reduce an American trade deficit running at a record pace of \$175 billion in 1987.

The rate reduction "was an important step, and not just a symbolic one," Johnson said, adding: "There is much more to be done, particularly in bringing Japan into the effort."

Stimulate

Another major step will be for Japan and West Germany to further stimulate their economies.

The fall in the value of the dollar of more than 40 per cent against major foreign currencies also is expected, at long last, to ease the US trade deficit. The weak dollar makes US goods cheaper overseas and foreign goods more expensive in the United States.

As 1987 came to an end, it was clear that America's trading partners were alarmed by rapid decline in the dollar, which fell in December to post-war lows against the Japanese yen and the West German mark. Japan and West Germany are highly dependent on exports, and a sharp drop in demand would seriously damage their economies.

It was a situation, analysts said, that eventually would prompt another round of emergency talks by the major industrial democracies, the so-called Group of Seven nations.

The falling dollar already has resuscitated the US export business, which suffered badly in recent years. Exports, especially of manufactured goods, are expected to be one of the strongest sectors of the economy in 1988, economists said.

However, the trade deficit will remain huge: \$142 billion, according to a forecast issued by the National Association of Business Economists. Although the volume of exports is up sharply, the weak dollar, which makes imports expensive for domestic consumers, will work against deficit improvements.

Soaks up

Less progress has occurred in efforts to cut the massive US budget deficit, which soaks up foreign and domestic capital, puts upward pressure on interest rates and burdens taxpayers with massive payments on the nation's debt.

"The budget deficit is the red thread that runs through many of our economic problems," said Shaber.

Congress and President Reagan, reacting to the panic in financial markets, negotiated a \$76 billion, two-year package of deficit reductions in November. Analysts were disappointed, however, saying the agreement represented a minimal accomplishment.

Economists who participated in the Institute of International Economics study said the United States, to really solve the problem, must commit itself to deficit reductions of \$40 billion per year for four years.

But little progress is expected in 1988, a presidential election year, when lawmakers are reluctant to raise taxes.

The deficit, which was around \$150 billion in 1987, is expected to rise in 1988, possibly to \$170 billion, Johnson said.

But Johnson, echoing the feelings of many colleagues, said he does not expect a recession in 1988.

Jordan's financial market hits trading value record

AMMAN, Dec 21. (Reuters): Jordan's stock exchange, insulated from shocks in world financial markets, has hit an all-time high in the value of shares traded, officials said today.

The value so far this year edged past the 1983 record of 141.43 million dinars (\$425 million) to 141.49 million on Sunday, said Ibrahim Bilbeisi, the Amman financial market's assistant manager.

"We are very glad we did it. Government procedures helped, so did the Central Bank," Bilbeisi told Reuters.

Brisk

Business has been brisk as the year-end approaches, with up to 400 investors a day crowding the trading floor in a pyramid-shaped office block in the elegant Shmeisani district.

General Manager Hashem Sabbagh said the exchange was sheltered from chilly winds blowing through world equities markets but would not be immune from any global recession.

"If we had more international investors we might have been affected," he said of the Wall

Street crash. "What happened on October 19 was psychological, not a sign of depression."

"It should encourage international investors to come to markets in developing countries like Jordan where investment prospects are good."

Sabbagh said prices on the Amman financial market, soon to celebrate its 10th birthday, were very stable.

"When you are small, you may not have a deep market but you can control it better. Diversified markets and instruments are not always an advantage."

Cools

Under house rules, the market's management can halt trading in any shares whose value swings by more than 10 per cent in a day. "This cools things down," Sabbagh said.

In 1978, its first year, the Amman market had 57 listed companies and nine brokers and traded 5.5 million dinars (\$16.5 million) worth of shares.

Five years later it had 126 listed companies and 27 brokers. But by then Jordan's boom decade, fuelled by money pouring back

from migrants in the oil-rich Gulf, was over.

From 1984 to 1986, the value of shares traded averaged only 65 million dinars (\$195 million) as a recession bite.

Bilbeisi said government incentives to local industry and to Jordanian and other Arab investors, as well as lower interest rates set in 1986, helped produce this year's recovery.

Exempt

Profits on shares are exempt from tax, cash dividends average five to seven per cent of share prices and the average price-earnings ratio is one to ten or 12, Sabbagh said.

Bilbeisi said the Amman market was the most active of the six stock exchanges in the Arab world and had taken care to avoid a financial crash like that which shook Kuwait in 1982.

"We are a small market and can't afford a Manakh-type crisis," he said referring to Kuwait's unofficial Souq Al-Manakh exchange, which collapsed in a welter of post-dated cheques and an estimated \$95 billion worth of debts.



A broker signals to a buyer at the Amman financial market yesterday. Officials said Jordan's stock exchange hit an all-time high in the value of shares traded this year, exceeding the previous record set in 1983. (Reuters radiophoto)

Congress approves spending bill

WASHINGTON, Dec 21. (AP): Congress approved an emergency spending bill to prevent a government shutdown today and lawmakers meeting with presidential advisers nailed down a compromise that would give more money to Nicaraguan rebels.

Congressional leaders and President Ronald Reagan's top advisers worked late into the night yesterday before reaching agreement on the aid to the rebels, also known as Contras. Most of the issues attached to two huge fiscal 1988 budget bills also were settled, but the bills could not be brought to a vote before late tonight.

Passed

The bill, giving government agencies spending authority through midnight tonight, was

passed by the House 207 to 178 and sent to the Senate, where it was approved by voice vote. Reagan signed it late last night, presidential spokesman Mark Weinberg said.

Confidence

Without the emergency spending bill hundreds of thousands of government workers would be sent home today, locking the doors behind them. The extended budget talks had left the government technically out of business beginning on Saturday, although weekend effects were minimal.

The House held its first Sunday session since 1982, and the Senate since 1985.

Leaders in both chambers expressed confidence that final action would come today on the two major fiscal bills — a \$600-

billion spending bill and a tax and entitlement measure that combined would meet Congress' commitment to reduce the US budget deficit by at least \$30.2 billion this year.

Passage of the two bills would allow Congress to adjourn for a month-long holiday recess. Senate majority leader Robert C. Byrd, a Democrat who along with other congressional leaders met with White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and National Security Adviser Colin Powell, said he expected Reagan to sign them.

The legislative Logjam Lingerer, three months past the beginning of fiscal 1988 was near an end with the weekend compromise on the Contra aid issue. Although Contra aid was just a

tiny part of the record spending bill, it was among the most contentious, with Reagan promising a veto if he didn't win new subsidies for the rebels.

White House and congressional bargainers agreed to provide \$8.1 million in non-military aid to the Contras, including \$3.6 million in food, clothing, shelter and medicine and about \$4.5 million for delivering supplies through the end of February.

Sought

The administration initially had sought \$22.8 million in stop-gap aid for the rebels. The role of the CIA also became a key sticking point. The agency's current authorisation to make deliveries of weapons to the rebels would expire Dec 31 without congressional action.

Agricultural firm turns in good performance

HAIL, Saudi Arabia, Dec 21. (Opecna): Prince Meqrin Bin Abdul Aziz, governor of Hail province, said here on Monday that about 16,500 hectares had been cultivated during the 1986-87 season to grow 123,000 tons of wheat and barley.

He told a meeting of the board of directors of the Hail Agricultural Development Company, that the company had planted 3,200 date palms of different varieties within two months.

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World Business Summary

Iran and India to set up 4 joint commissions

NEW DELHI, Dec 21. (Opecna): Iranian Minister of Heavy Industries Behzad Nabavi, who arrived here yesterday, said after talks with Indian officials that four joint commissions should be established by the two countries to expand their existing economic ties. Indian Minister of Industries and Company Affairs Vengala Rao, with whom Nabavi held detailed talks later, said that the Iranian visit could be considered "a turning point" in industrial relations between the two countries, especially in the heavy industries' sector.

A 44-member Iranian delegation consisting of representatives from private and public sector companies has been in India for the last one week. Rao also said that agreements had been reached between the two sides in different industrial branches. He gave no details.

Nabavi, responding to Rao's remarks, said: "Our policy is based on expansion of relations with independent countries of the world, particularly India."

The Iranian minister, while inviting Rao to bring a delegation of experts and industrialists to Tehran, said his visit was aimed at promoting industrial ties, exploring the export and import potential of industrial and technical goods, manpower training, educational exchanges and cooperation in the areas of research and development.

Today, the two sides will hold a series of meetings dealing with education and research, manpower, industrial and engineering cooperation, and industrial exchanges.

Texaco to sell assets to pay for record settlement

NEW YORK, Dec 21. (Reuters): Texaco expects to sell assets to raise the \$5.5 billion needed to settle its lawsuit with Pennzoil and emerge from bankruptcy, chairman Alfred DeCrane has said. "We will have to finance that," DeCrane told Reuters in a telephone interview yesterday. "We expect to be selling some assets." The two companies yesterday signed an accord under which Texaco would pay Pennzoil \$3 billion to settle their \$10.3 billion dispute over Getty Oil Co. Texaco, the third largest oil company in the United States, would have to pay an additional \$2.5 billion to its creditors to bring the company out of bankruptcy.

Lawyers said the pact, believed the largest financial settlement in history, came after marathon talks among the parties involved in the four-year-long dispute. Texaco filed for protection under Chapter XI of the US bankruptcy code last April to forestall enforcement of the \$10.3 billion judgment Pennzoil was awarded in 1985.

A Texas Civil Court jury had found that Texaco interfered with an agreement Pennzoil had to buy Getty Oil Co when it swooped in and bought Getty itself for \$10 billion. Texaco filed for bankruptcy after a court ruled it had to post a bond equal to the size of the judgment.

Both companies said they expected tomorrow to file the settlement plan in bankruptcy court, where it is subject to approval by the court and Texaco's shareholders.

"This removes the uncertainties of the past," DeCrane said of the accord. "Now we can look forward to the things Texaco can really do as one of the great companies in the industry." "While under the cloud of bankruptcy we could not do what others (in the oil industry) were doing," he said. The company expects to undertake a wide-ranging financial restructuring, including the sale of assets and redemption of high-priced debt, after it leaves bankruptcy, DeCrane said.

But DeCrane said the company had not yet decided whether to reinstate its quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share that was cancelled when it filed for bankruptcy-law protection.

US must do more to shore up dollar, says Kohl

BONN, West Germany, Dec 21. (AP): The United States should do more to help boost the falling dollar, Chancellor Helmut Kohl said in an interview published today. Kohl again urged US legislators to reduce the huge American budget deficit, saying that was the only way the dollar would be able to win back "international trust." "Our American friends must take greater responsibility for the dollar," Kohl was quoted as saying in an interview with the conservative Die Welt newspaper.

The chancellor also rejected predictions that industrialised nations were headed for a recession, as some economists have warned.

"I have not yet found anyone who believes such fears are justified," the chancellor said. The Greenback fell in slow early-morning trading to 1.62 marks, down from Friday's 1.63 mark level. West German officials have repeatedly called on the United States to trim its budget deficit to improve long-term economic prospects and help boost the value of the dollar.

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BAA PP	97/0	265/4
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ALCAN AL	29/1	29/2
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ALCAN AL	19/1	19/3
ALCAN AL	40/0	40/0
ALCAN AL	8/7	8/7
ALCAN AL	41/5	41/6
ALCAN AL	15/0	14/6
ALCAN AL	1/4	1/5
ALCAN AL	30/3	30/5
ALCAN AL	35/4	35/7
ALCAN AL	35/1	34/7
ALCAN AL	24/2	24/2
ALCAN AL	9/0	9/0
ALCAN AL	19/5	19/4
ALCAN AL	24/4	24/6
ALCAN AL	18/4	18/3
ALCAN AL	40/9	40/9
ALCAN AL	30/4	30/4
ALCAN AL	44/7	45/0
ALCAN AL	37/7	37/4
ALCAN AL	1/6	1/5
ALCAN AL	38/2	38/0
ALCAN AL	2/7	2/6
ALCAN AL	12	12
ALCAN AL	4/5	4/6
ALCAN AL	48/6	48/6
ALCAN AL	46/2	46/1
ALCAN AL	7/7	7/7
ALCAN AL	7/6	7/7
ALCAN AL	32/6	33/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1405.1	1377.8	1366.6	1313.9
FT 500 SHR	0	0	950.9	913.61
FT ALL SHR	867.07	867.07	861.05	835.48
FT GOV SEC	87.72	87.72	87.86	85.55
FT GOV SEC	313.8	313.8	319.0	453.1
FT MINES F	426.25	426.25	438.96	468.22
FT OIL	1675.8	1643.8	1604.9	1511.37
FT WLD DLR	115.35	115.18	115.02	136.44
FT WLD STG	93.66	93.03	93.08	124.45
FT WLD LOC	101.31	101.31	100.80	130.67

London Stock Market Report

UK SHARES STEADY AT HIGHER LEVELS IN QUIET TRADING. LONDON, DEC 21 - SHARES WERE STEADY AT JUST BELOW THEIR BEST LEVELS ON THE DAY, BUT DEALERS SAID TRADING REMAINED THIN AHEAD OF THE LONG CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD.

WALL STREET MOVED AHEAD AFTER A MIXED TO LOWER OPENING, BUT DEALERS SAID THEY DID NOT EXPECT THE LONDON MARKET TO GAIN ANY FRESH MOMENTUM. EARLIER, THE MARKET'S ADVANCE HAD BEEN LARGELY ATTRIBUTED TO NEW YORK'S 50-POINT GAIN ON FRIDAY AMID HOPES THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL AGREE THE RECENT BUDGET-CUTTING PLAN.

AT 1530 GMT THE FTSE 100 INDEX STOOD 34.7 POINTS HIGHER AT 1,751.7, AFTER A HIGH ON THE DAY OF 1,755.4 REACHED AT 1221 AND A LOW OF 1,730.8 JUST AFTER THE OPENING.

DEALERS SAID THERE ARE ALSO HOPES THAT THE GROUP OF SEVEN (G-7) INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW THE U.S. BUDGET CUTTING MEASURES WITH A REAFFIRMATION OF THEIR COMMITMENT TO KEEP WORLD CURRENCIES STABLE.

ONE DEALER COMMENTED "THE FTSE'S 1750 POINTS IS QUITE A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL. IF WE CAN GO THROUGH THIS, YOU COULD SEE 2000 IN THE EARLY PART OF NEXT YEAR, BUT NOBODY IS MAKING TOO MANY LONG-TERM PREDICTIONS AT THE MOMENT."

THE DOLLAR WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER TODAY, HELPED BY YEAR-END DEMAND IN A VERY QUIET MARKET. BUT DEALERS SAID THEY EXPECT ANY G-7 STATEMENT TO BE TOO VAGUE TO LEAD ANY LONG-TERM SUPPORT.

London Gold

LONDON, DEC 21 - GOLD BULLION ATTRACTED LITTLE INTEREST AND TRADED WITHIN A VERY TIGHT RANGE, CLOSING 50 CENTS LOWER AT 479.50/480.00 DLR AN OUNCE.

DEALERS SAID A FIRMER DOLLAR CONTRIBUTED TO THE METAL'S SLIGHT DECLINE FROM A MORNING FIX OF 481.00 AND AFTERNOON SETTING OF 480.00.

MOST DEALERS APPEARED TO HAVE SQUARED THEIR BOOKS AT THE END OF LAST WEEK AND WERE RELUCTANT TO TAKE POSITIONS AHEAD OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

"NOBODY WANTED TO PLAY," ONE DEALER COMMENTED. "WE WERE JUST DRIFTING IN A TWO DLR RANGE."

London Money Market

LONDON, DEC 21 - MONEY MARKET RATES ENDED LITTLE CHANGED IN A WEEK WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE QUIET AHEAD OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, DEALERS SAID.

BARRING AN UPSET ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGES, AND THE MARKET IS AWAITING A STATEMENT FROM THE GROUP OF SEVEN LEADING INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ON ECONOMIC POLICY COORDINATION, THE ONLY FACTOR LIKELY TO DISTURB SEASONAL CALM IS THE SIZE OF THE EXACTLY U.K. NOVEMBER TRADE DEFICIT, DUE FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY. A CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT OF 300-500 MLN STG IS FORECAST BY ANALYSTS. ANYTHING LARGER MIGHT PUSH LEVELS HIGHER BUT NO SIGNIFICANT RATE CHANGE IS EXPECTED TILL THE NEW YEAR.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
1.8325/35	1.8315/25	1.6315/25	5.5190/40	NOON
1.6253/6333	2.980/994	2.9845/80	10.0900/1045	NOON
1.5508/522	10.094/112	337.97/338.5	29.50/66	FIX
1.3225/3235	2.4237/4269	81.16/27	24.00/04	1300
1.8335	3.3610	112.535	33.29	FIX
1.26598	0.691036	2.06544	6.98629	FIX
1.39087	0.757678	2.25571	7.65187	CLSE
126.67/77	232.17/46			NOON
SOK	18/12/87	OTHERS	21/12/1987	

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	242.5	242.5	240.4	421.7
AUSTRIA	212.9	212.9	211.2	257.5
BELGIUM	248.2	249.1	250.5	348.2
CANADA	352.4	346.0	350.3	434.7
DENMARK	342.3	343.9	299.5	393.3
FRANCE	293.6	295.8	293.7	415.2
GERMANY	160.2	162.1	159.8	241.9
HONG KONG	1561.1	1532.2	1529.3	2801.3
ITALY	396.1	396.1	389.6	502.1
JAPAN	1086.5	1092.2	1087.1	1266.4
MEXICO	4045.3	4824.5	4370.9	1984.9
NETHERLANDS	214.5	214.2	214.7	308.5
NORWAY	381.6	384.1	380.8	698.2
SINGAPORE	442.1	442.1	438.4	789.8
SPAIN	214.4	214.6	209.8	266.5
SWEDEN	708.3	703.2	684.53	1007.7
SWITZ	139.9	140.8	139.3	213.9
U.K.	517.1	512.9	508.2	711.9
U.S.A.	231.6	225.9	407.8	300.0
WORLD	409.3	407.4	407.8	485.4
E.A.F.E.	737.9	762.1	754.6	850.0
EUROPE	355.2	355.6	349.6	444.9

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Kuwait dinar deposit rates at '87 lows

HEAVY liquidity kept one-month Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit rates at 1987 record lows yesterday, with activity in the fixed periods nearly dead as banks wound down their operations at the end of the year.

In over-night funds, dealers reported a sudden jump when four or five banks that found themselves short entered the market. The banks had to purchase the funds from the Central Bank at around six per cent compared to rates of two per cent on Sunday.

Liquid
The market continued extremely liquid as salary payments flooded in at the end of the month and no new Treasury bills or bonds are introduced to pick up the slack.

Banks are bracing themselves for the maturing of treasury bills on December 23 when even more funds will enter the market.

The high liquidity kept one-month at its low for the year of four, 3-1/2 per cent. But three months rose to 5-1/4, 4-3/4 per cent from five, four per cent on Sunday, and six months firmed 1/8 point to 5-3/4, 1/4 per cent. One-year was unchanged at six, 5-1/2 per cent.

Tomorrow-next rose 1/2 point to three, two per cent and spot-nxt were quoted at 2-1/2, 1-1/2 per cent.

The Central Bank exchange rate firmed to 0.27268/302 dinars to the dollar from 0.27308/42 on Sunday. The spot rate firmed to 0.27300/10.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates firmed in a moderately active market yesterday as liquidity tightened and banks began swapping funds into dollars to take advantage of high US interest rates over the year-end.

Dealers said some banks were short on overnight money, pushing rates up about four per cent from levels as low as 1-1/2 to two recently, while spot-nxt also firmed to 3-1/2, three per cent from early quotes of three, 2-1/2.

Demand
The demand for short-dated funds also pushed up longer maturities by 1/8 to 1/4 point, but one month riyal rates are still nearly four points below like-dated Eurodollars.

One-month riyals rose to 4-3/8, 1/8 per cent from Sunday quotes of 4-1/8, 3-7/8, while three months were 1/8 point firmer at 5-3/8, 3/8 per cent. Six months were also marked by some banks 1/8 point higher at 6-9/16, 7/16 per cent.

Dealers said a move by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (Sama) to relax conditions for repurchase agreements based on bankers security deposit accounts from January 1 is likely to make the instrument more popular with banks. This in turn could lead to liquidity being drained from the system.

The spot riyal eased to 3.7500/04 to the dollar from 3.7498/7501 on Sunday.

UK coins to shrink

LONDON, Dec 21. (AP): Britain's five- and 10-pence coins will be replaced by smaller, lighter coins in the early 1990s. Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said yesterday.

The new five-pence coin will resemble the old six-pence and the 10-pence coin will be similar to the existing five-pence.

Lawson, the treasury's top official, also said in a written statement to the House of Commons that one-pound bills will cease to be legal tender after March 11. One-pound notes have been phased out gradually since the pound coin was introduced in 1983.

The Royal Mint made four proposals in July to redesign Britain's heavy coins. Lawson said more than 30,000 replies were received and most favoured lighter, smaller coins.

Interests
Comments were invited from the general public and from those with special interests such as the blind and elderly, those who handle large amounts of coins, and the manufacturers and users of coin-operated machines.

There are two billion five-pence coins and 1.5 billion 10-pence pieces in circulation. The British coin system is based on the pound, now worth \$1.83 which is divided into 100 pence. Coins come in denominations of one pence, two pence, five pence, 10 pence, 20 pence, 50 pence and one pound.

The five-pence coin now is seven-eighths of an inch in diameter (2cm) and the bulky 10-pence coin is one and one-eighth inch (2.7 cm) in diameter.

Dollar firmer and gold dips

LONDON, Dec 21. (Agencies): The US dollar firmed against most major foreign currencies in thin European trading today, but fell slightly against the French franc and British pound. Gold prices dipped.

Foreign currency dealers said business was dwindling in anticipation of the Christmas holidays.

"Our boys are playing cards or staring into the air," said one dealer at a bank in Frankfurt.

The dollar closed in Tokyo at 126.65 Japanese yen, up from Friday's 126.45. In later London trading today, the dollar was quoted at 126.93 yen.

The dollar was down marginally against the British pound. It cost \$1.8275 to buy one pound, more expensive than \$1.8260 late Friday.

Talk that the Group of Seven would soon make a statement to reassure financial markets gave some support to a listless dollar today, dealers reported.

Shares ended firmer in Tokyo and advanced strongly in early London business, reacting to gains on Wall Street last week.

"The G-7 statement isn't going to tell us anything new," said a currency dealer in London with a US bank.

Sceptical
But the market was being cautious about taking the dollar down. Also dealers reported some demand for the currency to settle year-end accounts.

"All in all, the currency market is still sceptical but for the

moment it is happy to wait and see what sort of budget savings Congress can come up with and what the Group of Seven can say on the dollar," said a currency dealer in Frankfurt.

Various government sources gave the impression that the G-7 would issue a statement pledging to cooperate on policies to prevent the financial crash of 87 proving the herald of a slump.

No G-7 statement is expected until Congress ratifies a spending package that includes measures to cut this year's US budget deficit to around \$150 billion from a projected 180 billion. Congress hoped to do this later today.

An actual G-7 meeting seems more likely to have to wait until the new year.

Currency markets meanwhile doubted whether the seven — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — would publicly commit themselves to preventing a further fall in the value of the dollar.

Resolve
They did that in their February 22 Paris agreement — the 'Louvre Accord.' But the market, worried about America's huge budget and trade deficits, still sold dollars. And central banks could not afford to buy enough of them to stop the currency's value sliding again.

Dealers in Asia and Europe questioned the present resolve of the United States to prop up the

dollar. A weaker dollar helps correct the trade deficit — deferring it might entail raising interest rates, and costlier borrowing might tilt the US economy into recession in an election year.

Analysts looking for evidence of differences on this between the United States and its allies were pointing to a comment by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

"In any case, our American friends should take more responsibility for the dollar, which continues to be the world's most important currency," Kohl told Die Welt newspaper.

But market talk about imminent G-7 action had helped the dollar rebound on Friday. That, in turn, gave Wall Street the confidence to extend a rally in US stocks.

The US blue-chip barometer, the Dow Jones industrial index, ended on Friday at 1,975.30 points for a record weekly gain of 108.26.

Gained
This week began with Asian stocks tracking Wall Street up. Tokyo's key Nikkei share index gained 129.87 points, or 0.57 per cent to end at 22,956.84. Sydney's market index rose 10.5 points to 1,250.7 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index shot up 100 to end at 2,280, according to preliminary figures.

Tokyo brokers said their market was buoyed by Wall Street's gain and by the relative stability of the dollar.

London shares took the cue,

and the Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares was up 30 points by 1130 GMT at 1,747. But dealers saw little buying by big institutions and said early mark-ups may be hit later as investors took profits.

Higher
West German stocks were higher in light trade. "The pattern is set until the year's end, with volume low and small upward movements to make the books look better," a Frankfurt dealer said.

French shares firmed in what a Paris dealer called "a kind of moderate confidence." Stocks rose in Madrid, Amsterdam, and Zurich.

Gold bullion was fixed in the London market today at \$479.50 an ounce after closing on Friday at 480.25. Oil prices eased with North Sea Brent for February loading traded at \$15.08.

Traders still doubt if the Opec can curb members' overproduction.

Meanwhile, the Turkish lira, depreciating faster since the election victory of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal last month, sank to 1,000 to the dollar today.

The Central Bank set a rate of 1000.45/1005.45 for tomorrow, compared with 995.85/1000.85 set on Friday for today.

The lira, whose rate is set daily by the Central Bank, was marked at 964.75/969.57 on December 1, compared with 850.30/856.66 on June 30 and 755.90/759.68 last December 31.

Gulf Air, Gamco sign maintenance contract

GULF Air and Gulf Aircraft Maintenance Company (Gamco) have officially signed a contract for the maintenance of Gulf Air fleet by Gamco.

The contract was officially signed by Ali Ibrahim Al Malki, president and chief executive of Gulf Air, and Ali Bin Khalifa Al Dhahry, chairman of Gamco, in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

The contract, which calls for Gamco to carry out all maintenance work on Gulf Air's fleet of aircraft, will be carried out in three stages.

The first stage will cover "C" checks on Tristars and work has already started in this project since November 12 and up to date four of Gulf Air's Tristars have completed the "C" checks.

Contract
The "C" checks are carried out after the aircraft has completed 1,200 flying hours and takes approximately four days. Under the terms of the contract, Gamco will carry out such checks on four aircraft per month.

The second stage of the contract calls for the repair and maintenance of the Tristars which is currently being carried out by British Airways in London.

Gulf Air will gradually transfer all such maintenance work to Gamco, depending on the availability of technical expertise at Gamco. The transfer will be carried out within the next three

years.

The third stage of the contract covers the maintenance of Tristar engines which is also currently being carried out by British Airways in London.

This phase is expected to be carried out in the next three to five years, when Gamco will then be ready to provide expertise in this area.

Gulf Air will continue to maintain Boeing 737 fleet in Bahrain. However, specific maintenance work on the 8737 which is now carried out by Belgian Airline in Brussels will eventually be transferred to Abu Dhabi too.

Gulf Air has also transferred all its interior refurbishing of its aircraft to Gamco and work on this will be carried out between January and March '88.

Ownership
Gamco is jointly owned by the Abu Dhabi government and Gulf Air, with 60 per cent ownership by the Abu Dhabi government and 40 per cent by Gulf Air. It was officially opened on September 28, 1987.

Meanwhile the Gulf Air has introduced a new employee appraisal scheme in the company aimed at improving employees' job performance.

The scheme has been designed for annual appraisal of both staff and management and devised to develop the employees' skills to their full potential as well as identify career training needs.

It will also be used as the basis for pay increases and incentive awards.

The appraisal for general staff has been divided into four categories, manual staff including skilled and unskilled workers such as mechanics, painters, carpenters, electricians and peons; clerical staff such as typists, secretaries, administration assistants, supervisors and other administrative support staff not covered by the management scheme; customer service staff who are in direct contact with customers such as ticketing and reservation personnel, cargo agents and all non-managerial airport handling staff; and a specialist group such as accountants, system analysts and programmers, engineers, planners and economists.

Scheme
The new scheme will not apply to pilots, cabin crew and technical crew staff as they already have a separate specialised appraisal system in view of the nature of their jobs.

The management appraisal will apply to employees in management positions, ranging from assistant managers up, including vice-presidents, and the primary purpose is to enable the managers to find the best ways to help staff in their respective departments to improve work productivity.

Hameed Salmaan, the acting

vice-president of the personnel administration, said the new system of appraisal will enable the company to assess the suitability of each employee in his or her job and provide all assistance in upgrading their job skills to the highest level of professionalism.

He said Gulf Air has decided to introduce the new scheme, which was developed in-house, due to a higher level of awareness of the importance of employee motivation in light of economic conditions.

"In the light of adverse operating results, Gulf Air can no longer tolerate a situation where an employee's salary is out of line with performance of his duties," said Salmaan.

On the other hand, the new scheme will ensure that effective employees are rewarded adequately for their good work," he added.

Gulf Air also has increased two to three flights a week to Manila since December 11, 1987.

This came following new agreement with Philippine Airlines.

The departure and arrival times of the three flights from Bahrain to Manila will be as follows: Thursdays and Mondays; departs Bahrain at 9:15 pm, arrives in Manila at 12:15 pm next day.

Fridays: departs Bahrain at 11:00 pm, arrives at 2:00 pm on Saturdays.

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Energy expert sees oil price crisis looming

CARACAS, Dec 21. (Reuters): Venezuela's former energy minister predicted yesterday there would be another oil market crisis in the next three or four months because of violations of Opec production quotas.

Humberto Calderon Berti, a member of an opposition party, made the prediction a day after President Jaime Lusinchi predicted there would be no oil market collapse despite a recent drop in prices.

Calderon said the accord reached at last week's conference of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in Vienna would not provide the needed market stability.

Decision
"In essence, what has happened is a ratification of an existing decision, which we all know was not producing the expected results because of the continued violation of production quotas by some Opec member," he said.

At the conference, which ended on December 14, oil ministers agreed to maintain an \$18 reference price and an output ceiling of 15.06 million barrels a day, excluding Iraq.

Credibility
Calderon said he saw no reason to believe that countries which had been violating Opec production quotas during most of 1987 would now begin to respect them. He estimated Opec output at 19 million to 20 million barrels daily.

Calderon said: "What has happened in the few days since

the conference ended is a clear demonstration of the lack of credibility regarding the decisions taken by Opec."

On Friday, four days after the Opec meeting ended, the US benchmark crude West Texas Intermediate fell to \$15.58 a barrel, compared to \$18.51 a barrel a week before. Other crude oils followed a similar pattern.

Calderon said prices would continue to fall because of accumulated inventories. He said the stocks of the Western industrial nations stood at 3.37 billion barrels, enough for 96 days.

Calderon said the market situation pointed to a crisis in February or March.

"It's sad to have to recognise that the current situation is very similar to the one which prevailed prior to the price collapse of 1986," he said.

Calderon spoke at a meeting of cabinet ministers in the government of former President Luis Herrera Campins.

Free market oil prices slumped again today as traders remained doubtful that a makeshift Opec pricing and production pact worked out a week ago would balance a glutted world oil market.

The price of Britain's benchmark Brent crude oil for loading in February was traded at \$14.85 a barrel against \$15.10 at the close in New York on Friday, dealers said.

Last Thursday, Brent fell by about \$2 a barrel, bottoming at just under \$14.50, after the

Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries rolled back its existing output and prices into the first six months of 1988.

Pact
Prices staged a partial recovery towards the end of the week, although the pact still appeared to have sidestepped the key problem of Opec overproduction.

Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto said today that the UAE was already reducing output. The UAE has been a leading Opec overproducer, with November output at 1.65 million bpd versus a 948,000 bpd quota.

Meanwhile, in London, Nigerian Petroleum Resources Minister Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman expects oil prices to firm by the end of the year, according to an interview published in the daily Independent newspaper.

Confidence
He expressed confidence that the 12 countries which signed the Opec accord in Vienna last week would hold the line against external pressures.

Lukman, also Opec conference president, said: "The market went berserk last week despite our achieving what I think is a successful agreement."

He said that the burden of any stand-off between producers and consumers of oil would be more evenly shared than it was earlier in this year.

Lukman felt that even with one Opec country staying outside the agreement, the 15.06 million bpd output limit should be tight enough to stabilise the market.

Romanian leader rejects reforms as shortages, signs of unrest grow

BUCHAREST, Dec 21. (AP): While Soviet-style reforms may be prompting change elsewhere in Eastern Europe, Romania clings to economic austerity policy that has resulted in the Soviet bloc's worst food and energy shortages.

Romania's 23 million people face shortages that have left their houses cold and streets dark as bitter winter weather sets in. They stand in line for hours in hopes of buying meat, milk and other hard-to-find items.

The nation's severe problems began in the 1970s, when President Nicolae Ceausescu borrowed heavily to invest in petrochemicals, oil refineries and other energy-intensive industries just before the energy crisis.

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Still, the diplomats say they expect little real change from Ceausescu, despite the Kremlin's current economic reforms, a streamlining of top government jobs in Hungary and the resignation on Thursday of Czech Communist Party chief Gustav Husak, who had held power for 18 years.

But Bucharest-based diplomats also say that rare signs of unrest in Romania could weaken Ceausescu's tight grip on his 3-million-member Communist Party and increase pressure for change.

However, there is also widespread fear of police reprisals and no sign of any impending change at the top, the diplomats said.

Romania, one of the Soviet bloc's most tightly controlled societies, has little history of dissent or unrest. Public criticism of Ceausescu is not allowed, and the Communist Party is believed to have an "extensive network of informers."

Criticised
In an unprecedented incident last month, one of the party's founding members and a former ambassador to the United States, Silviu Brucan, criticised government policies. He released statements saying authorities should take note of recent events in Poland, where food problems helped create the Solidarity labour movement.

The retired diplomat has also warned Romanian officials against harsh crackdowns on workers protesting food and energy shortages, saying that would only isolate the Communist Party.

On Nov 15, at least 10,000 workers staged a protest in the city of Brasov, chanting anti-Communist slogans and burning pictures of Ceausescu, according to Western diplomats.

Cheap cocoa seen boosting chocolate sales

LONDON, Dec 21. (Reuters): Chocolate makers are enjoying a bumper year as low cocoa prices bring higher profits and sales.

Trade analysts also see signs this Christmas that the solid chocolate bar may be making a comeback, after a period when cereal-filled bars took more of the market.

But for cash-pinched Third World producers of cocoa beans, the analysts added, demand is not likely to rise enough to erase the surplus which is weighing on prices in the near future.

Sales
Still, British chocolate sales are up three to four per cent on 1986 because manufacturers have been able to avoid retail price rises. Chocolate seems better value for money so people are starting to eat more of it, industry sources said.

"We are seeing real growth because there have been no price rises, and none is likely in the next 12 months with the cost of cocoa still low," an industry analyst said.

With cocoa prices still under pressure prospects look bright for manufacturers in 1988, said John Elston, analyst with stockbrokers James Capel.

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Sterling steadies

THE US dollar started the Christmas week little changed as traders waited for international policymakers to live up to their pledges of greater coordinated action to reduce world economic imbalances.

Despite the gains posted on last Friday in New York there was no follow-through buying and the dollar was nowhere near the resistance points of 1.6360 marks and 127.70 yen, and this prompted participants to test the lower side of the dollar.

However most operators were cautious amid expectations that the G-7 industrial nations may issue a statement soon on currency stability and ahead of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The dollar ended the day slightly easier in Hong Kong at 1.6295/05 marks against an early 1.6320/30 and New York's 1.6330/40 close on Friday. It finished at 126.75/85 yen against 127.15/25 and 126.95/05. Dealers here noted that the dollar was helped only marginally by remarks on Friday by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan that October's record US trade deficit was an aberration.

The trading remained extremely thin and dull in European centres, with attention fixed on the US budget package and the response of the Group of Seven industrialised countries.

The dollar began in London at 1.6280/90 marks up, a little from Tokyo's closing 1.6325/35.

Sterling was slightly stronger, opening two basic points up at 75.7 on its trade weighted index, but dealers expected it to stay relatively soft while oil prices were lower. The pound opened at \$1.8325/35 from Friday's 1.8255/65.

London midday dollar quotes were: Sfr. 1.8325/35 Dmk. 1.6285/95 Sfr. 1.3225/35 Yen: 126.70/80

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ONE DOLLAR and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied. Three times Della counted it. One dollar and eighty-seven cents. And the next day would be Christmas.

There was clearly nothing to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and howl. So Della did it. Which instigates the moral reflection that life is made up of sobs, sniffles, and smiles, with sniffles predominating.

While the mistress of the home is gradually sub-siding from the first stage to the second, take a look at the home. A furnished flat at \$8 per week. It did not exactly beggar description, but it certainly had that word on the lookout for the mendicancy squad.

In the vestibule below was a letter-box into which no letter would go, and an electric button from which no mortal finger could coax a ring. Also appertaining there unto was a card bearing the name "Mr James Dillingham Young."

The "Dillingham" had been flung to the breeze during a former period of prosperity when its possessor was being paid \$30 per week. Now, when the income was shrunk to \$20, the letters of "Dillingham" looked blurred, as though they were thinking seriously of contracting to a modest and unassuming D. But whenever Mr James Dillingham Young came home and reached his flat above he was called "Jim" and greatly hugged by Mrs James Dillingham Young, already introduced to you as Della. Which is all very good.

Della finished her cry and attended to her cheeks with the powder rag. She stood by the window and looked out dully at a gray cat walking a gray fence in a gray backyard. Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with which to buy Jim a present. She had been saving every penny she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week doesn't go far. Expenses had been greater than she had calculated. They always are. Only \$1.87 to buy a present for Jim. Her Jim. Many a happy hour she had spent planning for something nice for him. Something fine and rare and sterling — something just a little bit near to being worthy of the honour of being owned by Jim.

There was a pier-glass between the windows of the room. Perhaps you have seen a pier-glass in an \$8 flat. A very thin and very agreeable person may, by observing his reflection in a rapid sequence of longitudinal "rips," obtain a fairly accurate conception of his looks. Della, being slender had mastered the art.

Suddenly, she whirled from the window and stood before the glass. Her eyes were shining brightly, but her face had lost its colour within twenty seconds. Rapidly she pulled down her hair and let it fall to its full length.

Now, there were two possessions of the James Dillingham Youngs in which they both took a mighty pride. One was Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and his grandfather's. The other was Della's hair. Had the Queen of Sheba lived in the flat across the air-shaft, Della would have let her hair hang out the window some day to dry just to depreciate Her Majesty's jewels and gifts. Had King Solomon been the janitor, with all his treasure piled up in the basement, Jim would have pulled out his watch every time he passed, just to see him pluck at his beard from envy.

So now Della's beautiful hair fell about her rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee and made itself almost a garment for her. And then she did it up again nervously and quickly. Once she faltered for a minute and stood still while a tear or two splashed on the worn red carpet.

On went her old brown jacket; on went her old brown hat. With a whirl of skirts and with the brilliant sparkle still in her eyes, she flattered out the door and down the stairs to the street.

Where she stopped the sign read: "Mme. Sofronie, Hair Goods of All Kinds." One slight up Della ran, and collected herself, panting. Madame, large, too white, chilly, hardly looked the "Sofronie."

"While you buy my hair?" asked Della.

The Gift of the Magi



"Take yer hat off and let's have a sight at the looks of it."

Down rippled the brown cascade.

"Twenty dollars," said Madame, lifting the mass with a practised hand.

"Give it to me quick," said Della.

Oh, and the next two hours tripped by on rosy wings. Forget the hashed metaphor. She was ransacking the stores for Jim's present.

She found it at last. It surely had been made for Jim and no one else. There was no other like it in any of the stores, and she had turned all of them inside out. It was a platinum fob chain simple and chaste in design, properly proclaiming its value by substance alone and not by meretricious ornamentation — as all good things should do. It was even worthy of The Watch. As soon as she saw it she knew that it must be Jim's. It was like him. Quietness and value — the description applied to both. Twenty-one dollars they took from her for it, and she hurried home with the 87 cents. With that chain on his watch Jim might be properly anxious about the time in any company. Grand as the watch was, he sometimes looked at it on the sly on account of the old leather strap that he used in place of a chain.

When Della reached home her intoxication gave way a little to prudence and reason. She got out her curling irons and lighted the gas and went to work repairing the ravages made by generosity added to love. Which is always a tremendous task, dear friends — a mammoth task.

Within forty minutes her head was covered with tiny, close-lying curls that made her look wonderfully like a truant schoolboy. She looked at her reflection in the mirror long, carefully, and critically.

"If Jim doesn't kill me," she said to herself, "before he takes

In the realm of fiction, perhaps no other story illustrates the spirit of gift-giving than O'Henry's The Gift of the Magi.

As a special treat, Arab Times gives you the opportunity to enjoy this classic literary gem.



a second look at me, he'll say I look like a Coney Island chorus girl. But what could I do — oh! what could I do with a dollar and eighty-seven cents?"

At 7 o'clock the coffee was made and the frying-pan was on the back of the stove hot and ready to cook the chops.

Jim was never late. Della doubled the fob chain in her hand and sat on the corner of the table near the door that he always entered. Then she heard his step on the stair away down on the first flight, and she turned white for just a moment. She had a habit of saying little silent prayers about the simplest everyday things, and now she whispered: "Please God, make him think I am still pretty."

The door opened and Jim stepped in and closed it. He looked thin and very serious. Poor fellow, he was only twenty-two — and to be burdened with a family! He needed a new overcoat and he was without gloves.

Jim stopped inside the door, as immovable as a setter at the scent of quail. His eyes were fixed upon Della, and there was an expression in them that she could not read, and it terrified her. It was not anger, nor surprise, nor disapproval, nor horror, nor any of the sentiments that she had been prepared for. He simply stared at her fixedly with that peculiar expression on his face.

Della wriggled off the table and went for him.

"Jim, darling," she cried, "don't look at me that way. I had my hair cut off and sold it because I couldn't have lived through Christmas without giving you a present. It'll grow out again — you won't mind, will you? I just had to do it. My hair grows awfully fast. Say 'Merry Christmas' Jim, and let's be happy. You don't know what a nice — what a beautiful, nice gift I've got for you."

"You've cut off your hair?" asked Jim, laboriously, as if he had not arrived at that patient



fact yet even after the hardest mental labour.

"Cut it off and sold it," said Della. "Don't you like me just as well, anyhow? I'm me without my hair, ain't I?"

Jim looked about the room curiously.

"You say your hair is gone?" he said, with an air almost of idiosyncrasy.

"You needn't look for it," said Della. "It's sold, I tell you — sold and gone, too. It's Christmas Eve, boy. Begood to me, for it went for you. Maybe the hairs of my head were numbered," she went on with a sudden serious sweetness, "but nobody could ever count my love for you. Shall I put the chops on, Jim?"

Out of his trance Jim seemed quickly to wake. He enfolded his Della. For ten seconds let us regard with discreet scrutiny some inconsequential object in the other direction. Eight

dollars a week or a million a year — what is the difference? A mathematician or a wit would give you the wrong answer. The magi brought valuable gifts, but that was not among them. This dark assertion will be illuminated later on.

Jim drew a package from his overcoat pocket and threw it upon the table.

"Don't make any mistake, Dell," he said, "about me. I don't think there's anything in the way of a haircut or a shave or a shampoo that could make me like my girl any less. But if you'll unwrap that package you may see why you had me going a while at first."

White fingers and nimble tore at the string and paper. And then an ecstatic scream of joy; and then, alas! a quick feminine change to hysterical tears and wails, necessitating the immediate employment of all the comforting powers of the lord of the flat.

For there lay The Combs — the set of combs, side and back, that Della had worshipped for long in a Broadway window. Beautiful combs, pure tortoise shell, with jewelled rims — just the shade to wear in the beautiful vanished hair. They were expensive combs, she knew, and her heart had simply craved and yearned over them without the least hope of possession. And now, they were hers, but the tresses that should have adorned the coveted adornments were gone.

But she hugged them to her bosom, and at length she was able to look up with dim eyes and a smile and say: "My hair grows so fast, Jim!"



And then Della leaped up like a little singed cat and cried, "Oh, oh!"

Jim had not yet seen his beautiful present. She held it out to him eagerly upon her open palm. The dull precious metal seemed to flash with a reflection of her bright and ardent spirit.

"Isn't it a dandy, Jim! I hunted all over town to find it. You'll have to look at the time a hundred times a day now. Give me your watch. I want to see how it looks on it."

Instead of obeying, Jim tumbled down on the couch and put his hands under the back of his head and smiled.

"Dell," said he, "let's put our Christmas presents away and keep 'em a while. They're too nice to use just at present. I sold the watch to get the money to

buy your combs. And now suppose you put the chops on."

The magi, as you know, were wise men — wonderfully wise men — who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication. And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. Of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the magi.

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MAKING A CHOICE
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If you have ample freezer space and want a frozen bird, buy in early when there's plenty of stock and less shopping to carry! Get frozen birds home promptly, and into the freezer before they start to defrost at all.

ALL RIGHT FOR SIZE

Calculate the size of turkey you need according to size of your party, allowing for seconds (and possibly thirds and fourths...). How much leftover meat will you need? Turkey is a relatively inexpensive buy and is delicious in sandwiches, in white sauce with mushrooms, in curry, soup or risotto. Don't buy such a huge turkey that everyone gets tired of 'leftovers' meals, though — cooked turkey does not freeze well except in sauce. To serve for Christmas dinner with 'seconds' and allowing plenty to serve cold in made dishes later, consider turkeys of the sizes mentioned below.

Weight	To serve
9 lb (4.1 kg)	6
12 lb (5.5 kg)	8
15 lb (6.8 kg)	10

This allows 1-1/2 (675 g) per person.

If you are having a large party for one occasion only, you will not, of course, need so much meat for serving cold, so reduce the size of turkey you buy. If some of your family have very small appetites, or if you have a small oven, buy a smaller bird. Allow around 1-lb per person in each case. For a big party or buffet, a 15-20 lb turkey is expected to give 20-30 servings and a 25-30 lb turkey, 40-50 servings. But do check measurements, so you know the turkey will fit into your oven (and your roasting tin) before you buy it.

THE EARLY BIRD

Allow plenty of time for the turkey to thaw. Our chart is calculated for putting the bird in a cool corner of the kitchen or a larder. Halfway through thawing time, check if giblets can be removed. Take them out as soon as possible.

Remove bird from its carton if it was packed in one, but leave in its sealed poly-wrapping on a large plate to thaw, well out of reach of any pets!

Weight	Hours
6-8 lb (2.7-3.6 kg)	13-18
8-12 lb (3.6-5.5 kg)	18-24
12-16 lb (5.5-7.3 kg)	24-36
16-24 lb (7.3-11 kg)	26-36

RUNNING LATE

When defrosted, the body cavity of the bird should be cool but have no ice crystals; the legs should be flexible.

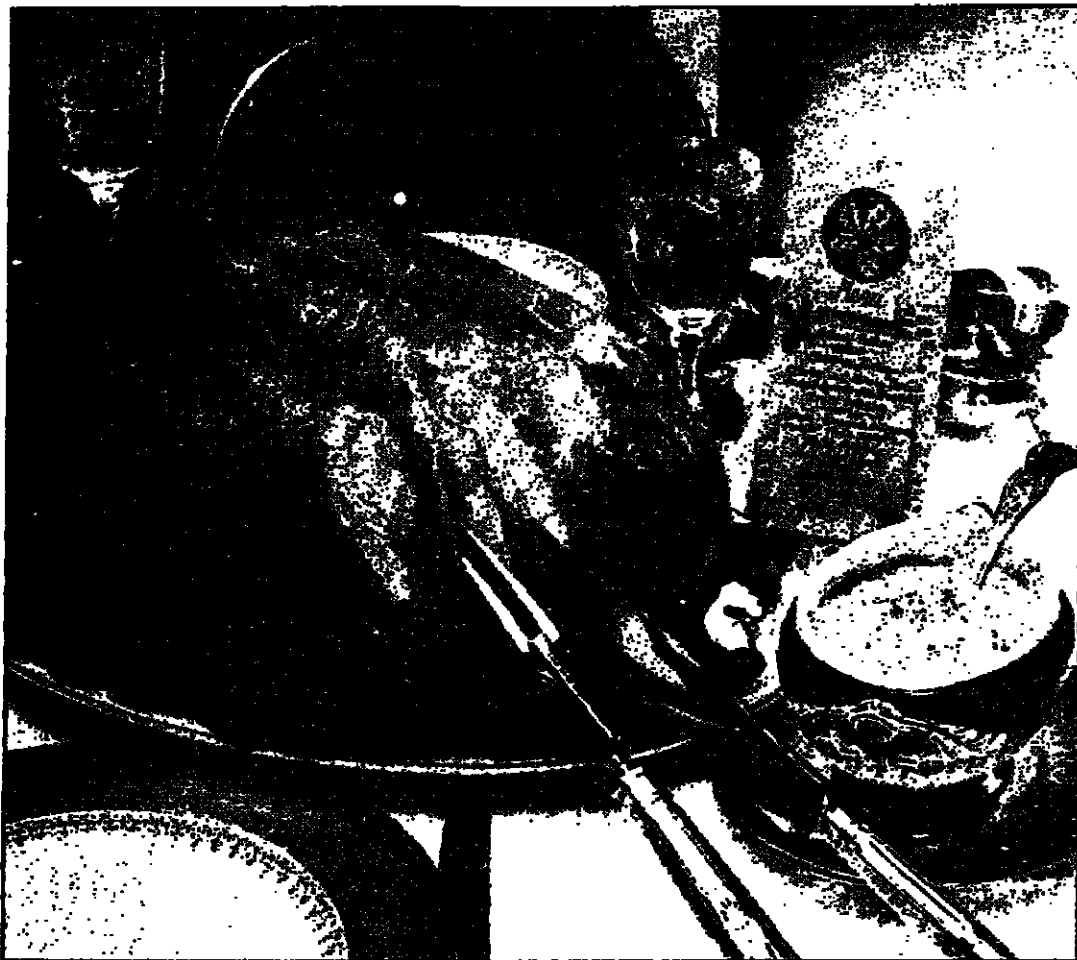
Put a sticky label with a message on the freezer, diary, cooker — anywhere you won't miss it — to remind you to get the turkey out to thaw in time.

But, in an emergency only, you can immerse the bird in its wrappings, in a sinkful of cool water.

Change water when it becomes very chilled but don't use warm or hot water. Running cold water through the centre of the bird is the fastest way to defrost it. Or defrost a turkey of up to 8 lb in the microwave — no larger or it will be too close to the oven roof — for 8-9 min per lb or defrost (30%). Only use the microwave to defrost when you are going to cook the turkey immediately afterwards. Cover parts which look as though they might start cooking with small, smooth pieces of foil and take bird out of the microwave if you find hot spots developing.

Let's talk turkey

Cooking the turkey doesn't have to be an ordeal. Problems usually arise when, at the last moment, you realise you've forgotten how long to cook or thaw the bird, or if you've bought one that's big — or too small. Deborah Murdoch takes you through how to buy, store, thaw, cook and carve with complete ease on the big day.



NOT EVERYONE KNOWS...

● that you should allow at least 15-30 minutes extra cooking time if transferring a turkey straight from fridge to oven. Best to cook a room-temperature bird.

● that a turkey exudes a lot of juices during cooking. If you are using a shallow tin, you may need to pour these off each time you inspect the bird. When cold, remove the solidified fat and use juices for gravy.

● that if you're longing to cook a big turkey for a splendid effect, you can extend the length and width of your roasting tin by placing trebled piece of foil under bird in tin and over edges. But ensure bird does not touch walls or roof of oven.

● that you shouldn't stuff the bird till just before cooking ... that you shouldn't stuff the body cavity, just the neck ... that you shouldn't part-cook the bird to finish later ... that you shouldn't cook on a very low heat for a long time or overnight ... that you shouldn't thaw your turkey in the fridge as tests show that the cook is impatient and fridges in winter tend to be colder than normal.

TROUBLESHOOTING
what do you do if... suddenly there are extra guests and the turkey's not large enough?

● Cook extra veg courses (we're encouraged to eat more veg, less meat).

● Make a sausage meat-based stuffing and cook in a loaf tin for slicing.

● Provide lots of trimmings, bacon rolls, chipolata sausages, bread sauce.

● Raid the store cupboard or freezer and make a first-course soup, zip up with sherry and cream.

What do you do if... you win a monster turkey at raffle and it won't go in the oven?

● Slice off the legs and cook separately.

● Or cut the turkey in half, begin at vent end, cut through base of turkey first, then open out bird, so it is skin side down. Cut through the breast bone. Roast halves separately.

YOUR COOKING CHART

We suggest you cook your turkey at 350F, 180C, gas 4 throughout. Choose a shallow tin if possible and put bird on a roasting rack or trivet to cook. If you are using a very deep, special turkey tin, allow a little longer cooking time to ensure base of bird around legs is cooked.

Cut a piece of foil large enough to place loosely around bird. This is to protect it from over-browning, not intended to seal the bird in.

The times below allow for the weight of the stuffing (in the neck cavity only), so look up your timing in the chart based on the weight of the oven-ready turkey.

Purchased weight	Cooking time
6-8 lb (2.7-3.6 kg)	2-1/2 hrs
8-12 lb (3.6-5.5 kg)	3-3/4 hrs
12-16 lb (5.5-7.3 kg)	3-1/2-4 hrs
16-20 lb (7.3-9.1 kg)	4-4 1/2 hrs
20-24 lb (9.1-11 kg)	4-1/4-4 3/4 hrs

The times are a guide only, as individual ovens vary. Test whether turkey is done by piercing the thickest part of the turkey — through the thigh into the body — with a thin skewer. Juices run clear when the meat is done.

Allow the turkey some 'resting' time — if you carve it the moment you take it out of the oven, the meat will be difficult to slice. You can leave it to 'rest' in a gas oven, turned off, but not in an electric one, as the residual heat will continue to cook the bird.

Have the warmed serving plate ready, transfer the turkey

to it and cover again with foil. Keep in a warm place for at least 15-20 minutes so the meat becomes firm and easier to carve. It surprises some people to know that a large bird will keep hot (on an electric heated tray, or in a warm part of the kitchen) for up to 45 minutes. So you can turn the oven up and brown the roast potatoes if required ... and sit down to enjoy your starter. Ensure you have well-heated plates and that the gravy is really piping hot.

CARVE IT UP

Well beforehand, sharpen carving knife. Give a last few flamboyant strokes at the table. It makes carving easier if you first slice off a leg — both legs if you intend to eat most of the bird, slitting skin as necessary, and insert point of knife at point between top of leg (thigh) and body. Sever. Cut leg into drumstick and thigh. Hold tip of drumstick and carve slices from either side of bone. Place thigh flat on a board and cut even slices from it. Put dark meat at one end of the serving dish, cover with foil, and keep warm.

Remove a wing, again finding joint by pulling away from body, inserting knife point and severing. For large turkeys, carve wing meat as neatly as possible; for smaller birds, cut through a socket joint and serve the meat on the bone.

Carve the breast with alternate slices in different directions. Complete second side of turkey in the same way.

EXPERT'S TIP

It makes the turkey much easier to carve if you remove the wishbone before cooking. Ease skin gently back from neck end. Insert knife point where wishbone meets wings and sever joints. Hold the freed ends of wishbone and twist to remove. Replace skin and prepare turkey as usual.

All wrapped up

Here are some new ideas for wrapping presents.



ARE you boxed into the red-and-green gift-wrap routine?

Here's how to break out of those bounds, with these unusual, innovative ideas. Your presents are guaranteed to elicit smiles and thanks even before their contents are revealed.

● Tear a page from an oversize but not necessarily glossy magazine — some of the European ones have the most striking images — and use as wrapping paper (see package with woman's face, right). A bonus to this method: One magazine provides hundreds of "sheets" of gift-wrap.

● Paint your own paper. The glittering hot-pink-and-green design shown was made by stroking undulating lines of acrylic paint on bond paper, then brushing on liquid glitter

(available at art-supply stores) when paint was dry. Go as geometric or free form as you like.

● For a truly worldly gift, wrap with a map! The example on top has a coordinated tag, cut from the scraps, and is knotted — as if it were a crate ready for transcontinental travel — with packing twine.

● Look closely at the black-and-white box — it can be read all over. The paper was fashioned by making an enlarged photocopy of a page from a local phone book. And don't miss the clever gift tag: It's snipped from the Yellow Pages.

● A gift-wrap that's a real stretch of the imagination: cover a box in plain paper or tissue paper, and then add an array of different colour rubber bands. Works best on smaller presents.

Keeping kids happy while you entertain

THROWING a holiday party or just a quiet dinner with close friends can be difficult with children around.

A little planning can free you to spend time with adult guests and keeping young ones from feeling left out. Here's how:

● Consider letting your child open a Christmas present early. Always a good gift choice: a set of interlocking blocks that can be quietly assembled alone.

● To ease bedtime battles that occur when a child's nightly routine is changed, give him or her a new, cuddly stuffed animal to take to bed in lieu of a story. Or grant special privileges, such as allowing kids to "camp out" in their bedroom, equipped with flashlights, sleeping bags and a "tent" made by draping a sheet over two chairs.

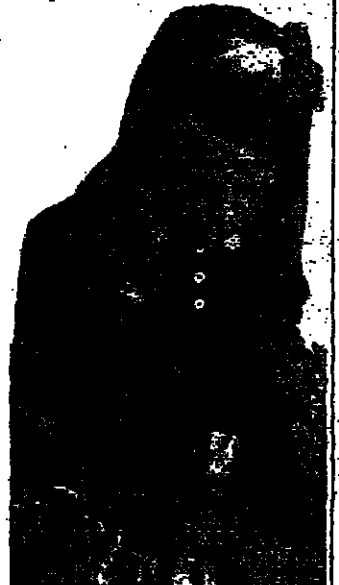
● For a mixed-age group of kids, plan games that everybody can participate in, regardless of skill, such as dominoes, tidbits.

● Kids love to dabble in glitter and glue, so keep supplies on hand for crafting home-made greeting cards. A sample of what should be included: safety scissors, construction paper, bright markers and holiday stickers.

● Invite a special sleepover guest — your child's best friend or favourite babysitter. Creating a slumber-party atmosphere is one way to entertain a child so you can enjoy the party.

● Promise kids a "night at the movies." Just before guests arrive, seat them before the VCR with a big bowl of fresh popcorn, and slip in a new cassette. Walt Disney's Lady and the Tramp, Top Of The Pops is Great.

● Kids often don't like fancy "company" food, and they get hungry — and cranky — long before it's time for adults to eat. So be sure to have easy-to-eat, easy-to-prepare foods on hand: mini pizzas, microwave macaroni and cheese, individual-serving containers of yogurt, applesauce and pudding, for example. Store these on lower shelves so kids can help themselves.



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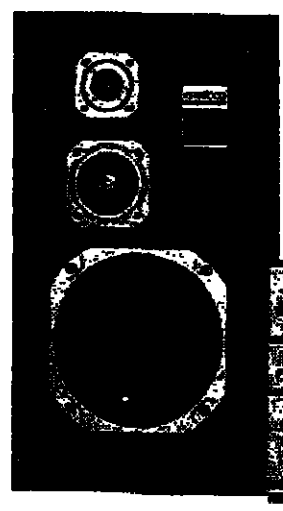


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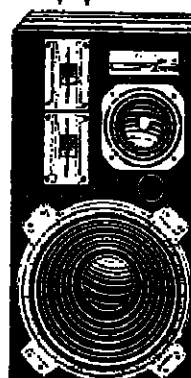
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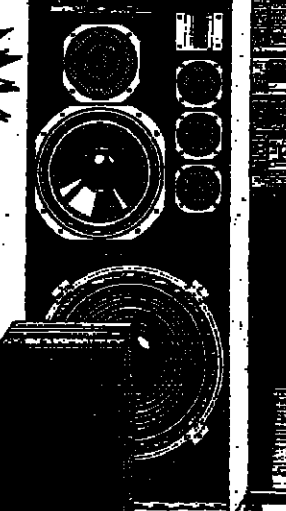
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Etiquette of giving gifts to loved ones

By Toni Cardarella

GIFT-GIVING and Christmas simply go together, but choosing the right gift for the right person, or deciding whether to give a gift at all, can be difficult.

The giving spirit of the holiday season seems to fade a bit in light of obligations and finances, along with the dilemma of giving gifts to those you want to buy for as opposed to those for whom you feel you should buy.

To whom are you obligated at Christmas: your boss, your child's teacher, your cousin? What about your child — should he or she give presents to people other than family members?

Some larger families, because of economics, resort to a name-drawing process at Christmas. Would it be proper to give a present to a family member whose name you didn't draw?

When should you give homemade gifts?

The questions are many, but there is an etiquette of gift-giving at Christmas and other times.

Homemade gifts are most appropriate as Christmas gifts, according to Stuart E. Jacobson, author of "The Art of Giving."

"Homemade gifts are wonderful. A gift of imagination, a gift of creativity, a gift that shows time was put into it, are the most meaningful," Jacobson said in an interview. "The greatest gift of life is time. Anything that's created is a wonderful present."

"Christmas is a spirit. You can always find ways to give gifts without cost. Do something for someone. Give time. Clean someone's home, babysit your sister's kids. There are so many ways to use your mind in terms of giving to someone other than putting a dollar sign by it."

When considering a homemade gift, think about the person who will receive it, he said.

"If you were going to make a sweater for someone, find out what colour they like," said Jacobson.

"The whole essence of giving a gift is to bring pleasure to the person receiving it," he said. "A lot of times, people think this will please me so this will please the other person. That's not necessarily true."

Dan Bryan, author of "The Art and Etiquette of Gift Giving," agrees.

"Christmas is the time to make your own presents," writes Bryan.

"From a loaf of bread to a framed silhouette to a photograph of someone's child or house, this gift is from the heart as well as the hands and brings meaning, friendship, and love to the season."

Homemade gifts are a wonderful idea for children to give as presents, said Jacobson.

"Children can create things because they have a wonderful imagination," he said. "I always think one should ask the child first. Make sure the child realises the gift is coming from them, and that it's a form of appreciation."

Your child should feel free to give a gift to anyone he or she spends a lot of time with, be it a teacher, a babysitter or friend, says Jacobson.

A few caveats are in order for children, Jacobson said. There should be no pressure on children to give at Christmas time, and they should have a hand in choosing to whom they would like to give.

"No monetary value should be placed on what a child should give someone," he said. There also are few "never gifts" said Bryan.

Never give a pet unless parents agree or adults request, she said.

It's also inappropriate to give something oversized or fragile to someone who will have to travel home by train or plane. You should offer to pay the cost of shipping, she said.

Bryan also said never give personal gifts to people you do not know well or a substantial gift to a business person with whom you are negotiating a deal. Do not give perfume or cologne unless you know the recipient's choice or preference, she said.

Though not supportive of the name-drawing idea at Christmas, Jacobson said it would not be proper to give a present to someone whose name you didn't draw.

"If you're going to accept that method, you've got to play along the rules," he said.

How much do you really know about Christmas

Test your knowledge of those quaint
old customs — and the origins of the
way it is still celebrated today

By Judy Byrne

Every year millions of people celebrate Christmas with a traditional turkey and tree.

But do you know where most of Christmas customs originated?

Test your knowledge with our festive quiz to really get you into the Holiday spirit.

1. The expression 'bean feast' has its origins in a traditional custom of:

- a Christmas Day
- b Boxing Day
- c Twelfth Day

2. The origin of Boxing Day in the UK is:

- a a big family house parties used to arrange boxing tournaments for the youngsters to let off steam after all the excitement of Christmas
- b people putting unwanted presents back into boxes to exchange or store until next year when they could give them to someone else
- c Servants are given presents in boxes

3. The college for Santa Claus is in:

- a Iceland
- b Indians
- c Ireland

4. When was the first Christmas card printed:

- a 1791
- b 1843
- c 1882

5. The Christmas wreath originated in:

- a Germany
- b The United States
- c England

6. Kissing under the mistletoe originally came from:

- a Britain
- b France
- c Sweden

7. One of the most famous Christmas trees in the world is the one that stands every year in Trafalgar Square in London. It comes from:

- a the English countryside
- b the Dutch countryside
- c the Norwegian countryside

8. Children in Russia receive their gifts from:

- a Father Frost
- b Father Comrade
- c Father Winter

9. Victorian children in England used to play a game called Snapdragons at Christmas parties. In it they had to:

- a pick currants out of a bowl of lighted spirits and put them out by popping them in their mouths
- b pick up apples out of a barrel of water with their hands tied behind their backs
- c pick flowers out of a vase with their teeth and place them into a second vase

10. Wassail was:

- a an appeal for money
- b a hint for alcohol
- c a no-strings-attached expression of goodwill

11. When Charles Dickens

sued the pirates who published A Christmas Carol illegally, he:

- a won £700
- b lost £700
- c neither won or lost

12. Christmas was once banned in Britain. It was during the time of:

- a The Puritans
- b The Normans
- c The Vikings

13. The first royal broadcast to the British Commonwealth was made by:

- a King George V
- b King George VI
- c Queen Elizabeth II

14. When did Christmas cards become popular:

- a from 1830 onwards
- b from 1845 onwards
- c from 1860 onwards

15. For Christmas dinner at Voisin's in Paris in 1870 they had:

- a goose
- b turkey
- c elephant

ANSWERS

1. (c) Twelfth Day was once a day of feasting second only to Christmas. On it, a special Twelfth Day cake was baked with a bean and pea inside it, and divided up. If a man got the bean he was crowned king until midnight, at the 'bean feast'. If a woman got the pea, she was crowned Queen.

2. (c) Traditionally, the servants had to wait until the day after Christmas to receive gifts and they were given to them in boxes.

3. (b) There is a college in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, where department store Santas are trained and graduate with a B.Sc. — Bachelor of Santa Clausing.

4. (b) In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, who inaugurated the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and was its first director, decided to have a special card printed to save the time it took to write Christmas letters to friends.

When they had been designed, Cole, who was a friend of Sir Rowland Hill who invented the Penny Post, was so pleased with them that he had 1,000 copies printed and hand-coloured and sold them for 1s. each, at an art shop he had set up himself in the hope of improving the taste of his contemporaries.

The temperance lobby tried to have the cards banned because they depicted guests drinking a toast.

5. (b) The first Americans invented the Christmas wreath as a reminder of Christ's crown of thorns made from the Holy or Holly bush.

6. (a) Kissing under the Mistletoe has its roots in Druidic ceremonies in pagan Britain.

7. (c) Since the end of the Second World War, the people of Oslo have sent a huge tree as

a gift to the people of London every year.

8. (a) Children in Russia still receive gifts from Father Frost, even though Christmas has officially been abolished there.

9. (a) Surprisingly, the dangerous sounding game was extremely popular in Victorian times.

10. (b) It was a broad hint that a hot ale would go down well, a sort of Anglo-Saxon "Good Health?"

11. (b) Dickens sued when the novel was pirated and published in a twopenny weekly and won the case, but the defendants pleaded bankruptcy and Dickens was landed with the legal bill for £700.

12. (a) It was the Puritans who banned the celebration of Christmas in Britain.

13. (a) The first Royal broadcast to the British Commonwealth was made over the radio by King George V, the grandfather of the present Queen. In 1957, the Queen made the first Christmas broadcast to be televised. It is pre-recorded, but the Queen watches herself when it actually goes out on Christmas Day.

14. (c) Because they were coloured by hand and had to be priced at one shilling each, the first Christmas cards were considered very expensive. They were described as Christmas stationery.

It was not until it became possible to print colour on a large scale that the price went down and Christmas cards really arrived. The first recorded use of that term, instead of Christmas Stationery, is in Punch in 1868. It appears again in The Times in 1917.

The earliest Christmas business cards were developed in America.

15. (c) Food was scarce in Paris in the Christmas of 1870 because of the Prussian siege. Customers at Voisin's, however, did not go hungry. They had elephant consomme, from the zoo, braised kangaroo, and roast cat garnished with rats from the sewer.

Perhaps there was something to be said for being one of the less well-off!

HOW TO SCORE

Give yourself five points for every correct answer.

What your score means

0-20 Where have you been all your life? Not pouring over the history books, that's for sure.

25-50 You have obviously read a lot and facts stick in your memory, especially if they interest you. You probably find that knowing the origins of customs makes them more fun for you.

55-75 Well, you are really strong on the historical stuff, aren't you? Are you as good on the living here and now?

If you honestly know the answer is 'no', then take your head out of your books and get out there and have a good time of it this year. You might actually discover there are other things worth learning that do not come out of books.



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THE tables set, the turkey's roasting and guests are due in 15 minutes but you've forgotten to pick up an extravagant bouquet of blooms. To the rescue: the following trio of quick centerpieces to assemble from materials on hand.

● Grab a large silver or cut-glass punch bowl. Steal several gold and silver balls from your tree, and nest them, loop end down, inside. Add any other glittery objects you can find, such as faux pearl necklaces, coils of golden ribbon, tinsel, a dusting of glitter.

● Raid the refrigerator, and go traditional. Nestle amid an array of apples (polished to a burnished glow with a cloth), oranges, lemons, limes and if possible, a pineapple — it's a traditional symbol of hospitality.

● Borrow potted plants and wrap the pot in a delicate white linen napkin, tied with silken holiday giftwrap tape. Encircle the plant with a ring of small white votive candles or, if you're fortunate enough to have a child who's a collector, with a troop of toy Santas.

The best gift you can give to your children

By Norman Vincent

THE most precious gift you can give your children at Christmas is one that will stand by them for all times, in all places and conditions. The gift is positive thinking.

This is not wishful thinking. Rather it's a tough-minded attitude that doesn't deny life's problems but does put the most optimistic face on them. It considers problems from the something-can-be-done-about-this approach.

Strictly speaking, you can't actually give positive thinking to your children. What you give is encouragement to the potential that children bring into the world with them. For babies are natural-born optimists who know that all they have to do is to yell or coo to get what they need. With upbeat prospects like these, it's no surprise they're entirely positive!

But if babies are reared in an atmosphere of pessimism, they soon absorb this attitude. Within a few years, they emerge as shy, uncertain children. They lack confidence. They don't believe in themselves. They become negative thinkers.

This might happen even in a

home where the parents are not negative. In my own boyhood, despite having optimistic parents, I developed a king-size inferiority complex. First, it was impressed on me from earliest memory how poor we were as a country preacher's family. I forever feared we'd soon be down to our last dollar. In addition, I was terribly skinny and therefore afraid to compete against other boys. These feelings of inadequacy temporarily left me with negative feelings about myself and the world.

Even the most caring parents might not guess at this sort of thing. But by setting a positive tone for their children with words and actions, they can prevent its happening.

For instance, there's a story I've told part of before but want to tell again because it makes this point better than any other experience from my childhood. It happened one Christmas when my brother, Bob, and I were hoping we'd get a bicycle.

Mother made it clear that money was even tighter than usual. But she also told us, "Boys, when our ship comes in, you'll get your bike." Later, she read us stories about people whose ships had come in, and sent us to bed dreaming about



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cycles on the deck of "our ship."

Christmas morning arrived and we rushed to the tree, where we found... no bike. Overcoming our momentary letdown, Bob and I eagerly opened the few gifts that were there. Then Mother said, "Let's go meet the train. Maybe Santa sent something on the B & O." Our hearts jumped.

At the station, we ran to the open door of a baggage car. There — red and beautiful — stood a bicycle. Our ship had come in!

And because Mother never told us that she went without a winter coat to make it happen, her "ship" became an inspiring symbol to us boys. It represented hope. It meant that even if things didn't work out immediately, they eventually would. By carefully combining realism and optimism, Mother had encouraged us toward positive thinking — an attitude that comes easily to children if they have a good sense of self-esteem.

You help your children to feel good about themselves by the encouraging way you respond to their successes and failure. Since you are their main point of reference, they tend to see themselves as they believe you see them. So you have to stop and think about the impact of your words on them — especially in relation to the "four C's": criticizing, correcting, crediting, and cultivating.

How do you criticize a child to leave him feeling good — not bad — about himself? You do it constructively. One snowy evening around Christmas, my mother was contacted by the "madam" of a house in the red-light district. The woman said a girl there was very sick and needed a minister. "Could Reverend Peale (my father) visit?" she asked.

Mother was dismayed, and I myself called the sick girl "wicked." But Dad said, "Get your coat, Norman."

We soon reached the girl's room and found her as pale as the bed sheets. "I'm a bad girl," she whispered as Dad took her hand. "No," he said, "you've done some bad things. But if you ask Jesus to make you a good girl, He will."

Then, as the madam knelt by the bed, Dad prayed with the girl, softly patted her hand, and told her good-bye. She died that same night.

And my father said she'd gone home to heaven — which I believed because of the wonderful look that came over her when they prayed together.

Later, Dad told me I should never again put people down as wicked just because of their place in life.

As I grew up, I came to appreciate what a rare gift Dad had given to me on that snowy winter night. He'd taught me to look for the good in people, always. And with his gentle criticism, he had helped me to feel better about myself.

Similarly, you can help or hinder your children's self-esteem by your method of correction — how you discipline them. Discipline is good and necessary, but it should never be administered with malice or contempt.

To be effective, discipline must also be balanced with the reassurance that even though the child has fouled up, he can put things right next time. This prospect of redemption — doing better "next time" — is crucial to a child's self-esteem.

So, too, is your crediting or praising of a child's efforts whenever possible. I recently spoke to an assembly of junior-high school children. Afterward one student's mother thanked me because she felt her son had needed a "boost."

I asked her whether she ever gave him a boost. "Do you ever tell him how proud of him you are?" I asked.

"I guess not," she admitted. "I love him," I told him that. "Well, try telling him you believe in him," I replied. "Tell him he's a terrific son with a wonderful future."

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See what the month holds for you

Play the numbers game

NUMEROLOGY is a method of determining the cycles of your life by analysing the numbers in your birth date. To calculate your personal number for 1987, use the following method.

Add the day and month of your birth date to 1987.

November 21 is our sample birth date.

Add 21 + 11 (month) to 1987 (year) which equals 2019. Add 2019 together and reduce the number to a single digit: 2 + 0 + 1 + 9 = 12. 12 (1 + 2) = 3 (3 + 0) = 3. Three is the personal number for 1987 in this example. Work out your own number and see what is in store for you.

By Cheryl Lee Terry

THIS challenging month will give you opportunities to express your feelings and thank the people who have helped you this year. Be generous both spiritually and materially. See old friends you have neglected. You will have mixed feelings over this holiday season. Whether you wanted to or not, you have expanded your horizons this year and made many changes. The reality of what you have gained and lost is beginning to set in — focus on the positive. Go away for the holidays. Celebrate the New Year quietly with someone you love.

2. This tedious "two" year may have seemed like the longest of your life. There were too many lessons in responsibility and personal growth. Your December vibrations give you a break. The urge to travel may be overwhelming — and if the smallest opportunity presents — itself — go! Just be sure to return before the holidays. After the 22nd new opportunities will be plentiful. Be aware this is not the time to aggressively seek change. The holidays will be hectic. Whether you celebrate with family or with friends go out and have a roaring good New Year's Eve.

3. Someone close to you is about to fall off the pedestal you placed him on this year. Now you have to decide if this person still deserves your loyalty and affection. September triggered changes that brought more responsibility into your work life, leaving little time for family and friends. After the 22nd you will have to make time. If you are willing to give of yourself this can be one of the happiest months of the year. Even so, by the end of the

month you may feel like the hired help — and want to run away. Not so fast — big or small, it's your party, so start cooking. You'll be pleased at how much fun you have.

4. Because of unfriendly numerical combinations this year, you have been outsmarted by those who are less talented and clever than you. Under this quiet December vibration you can sit back and review all the difficult lessons you had to learn this year. The month brings in a new phase of positive and decisive developments, both in your professional and personal life. Find a quiet corner and spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest. It doesn't matter whether you celebrate the New Year at home with a good book — you have much to look forward to. And nowhere to go but up.

5. This month you have unlimited resources for spiritual and physical growth. Now is the time to give up a bad habit (smoking?). The last two weeks of the month you can accomplish all you had in mind last month but never got around to. The week of the 5th, new people and new ideas make you take a second look at your life. An unusual opportunity will present itself over the holidays, but don't take immediate action — just consider the possibilities. Do something different on New Year's Eve. A Halloween party might be fun? Whatever you do, with very little effort you will have a wonderful time.

6. Last July someone threw a pebble into your lake and the ripples are just beginning to rock your boat. Whether it's a complete break from the past or just shifts in the office — be prepared for changes. Although all will not be settled until

April, now is the time to make each point count. Gain the advantage and in the end you will win the game. There have been too many disagreements in your personal life. Negotiate and compromise! Even if it seems like too much of a hassle — go home for the holidays. There's an old saying that the journey is part of the gift; surround yourself with loved ones — your "gift" will be appreciated.

7. There are sad moments this month when you realize that old relationships are over or will never be the same again. The past few months, you have exhausted yourself and others with your mood swings and difficult behaviour. Your friends may feel bewildered and surprised by your sudden burst of optimism. Next year, in a positive one and its vibrations are beginning to affect you. Toward month's end, watch for new opportunities to expand professionally. You run the risk of making a fool of yourself on New Year's Eve, but go ahead — kick up your heels. This has been a heavy year for you, and your friends will be relieved not to have to listen to your problems or discuss the philosophies of Nietzsche.

8. There are important decisions you need to make that will change the face of your future, but don't let others pressure you into making them hastily. By the end of the month an opportunity will present itself that may take you around the world or around the corner — either way, be prepared to say yes. There will be stress on all personal relationships. Now is not the time to force any of the emotional issues in your life. This has been an exhausting year and you need to rest. Go home to Mother or, even better, go away to a quiet island in the sun, and welcome the New Year in by sleeping the eve away.

9. This month, if a vacation in Jamaica is out of the question, unplug your phone and spend some time alone on the weekend of the 12th. Don't panic! This is a positive month; it's just time to work on a new plan for the future. Over the holidays you may feel sad — indulge yourself and have a good cry. Many things went out of your life this year; you've changed and many things will never be the same again. You have places to go and people to meet. Welcome the New Year in grand style; 1988 is your year.

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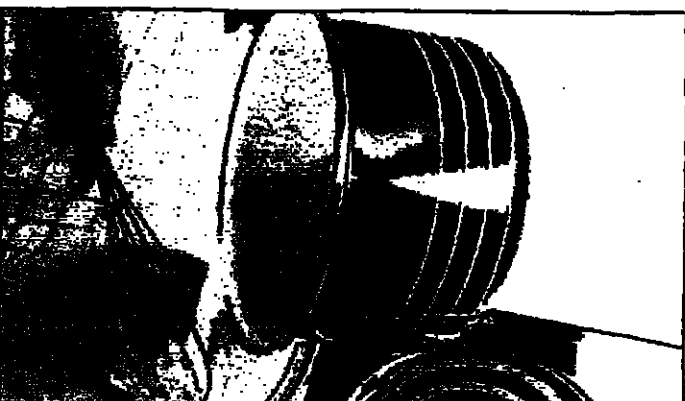
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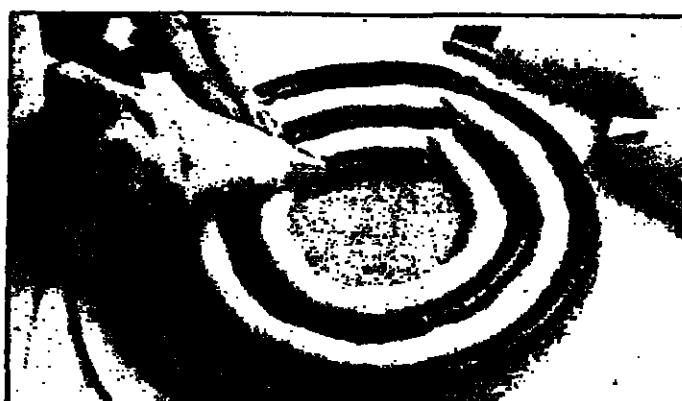
1. Make torte layers: Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour three 8-inch round cake pans. In large bowl of electric mixer, beat eggs until foamy and light yellow. Gradually add sugar, beating till it dissolves and mixture forms ribbons when dropped from beater; add vanilla.



2. Sift flour over egg mixture, one third at a time, folding until blended; fold in nuts. Pour into pans. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until layers are golden and cake springs back when lightly touched. Remove from pans. Cool layers, top side up, on racks; drizzle with amaretto.



3. Make pastry cream: In medium-size, heavy saucepan, scald milk. In bowl, whisk yolks, sugar and salt until thick; stir in cornstarch; gradually whisk in hot milk. Pour mixture into saucepan. Bring to boiling, stirring; boil 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla.



4. Divide pastry cream in half, stir chocolate into one half. Cover both; chill. Place creams in separate pastry bags with medium (3/8-inch) round tips. With one torte layer on rack, beginning with chocolate cream, pipe alternating circles from outer edge to centre.



5. Repeat with second layer, but begin with plain cream; top with remaining layer, bottom side up. Combine the leftover cream from pastry bags; chill cream and cake. With knife, trim side of torte to make even; use leftover cream mixture to fill gaps in side of torte.



6. Make glaze: Melt butter with chocolate; stir until smooth; cool slightly. Place torte on rack on jelly-roll pan; pour glaze on top; with spatula spread evenly to cover torte; chill until glaze just sets. With pancake turners, lift torte to plate. Garnish with candies. Serves 10.

Ingredients

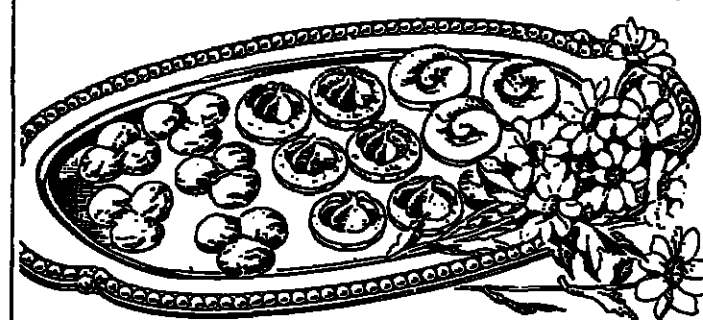
TORTE LAYERS

6 large eggs, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup unsifted all-purpose flour
1/2 cup blanched almonds or walnuts, ground
1/3 cup amaretto
PASTRY CREAM
2 cups milk
5 large egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar

Dash salt
1/4 cup cornstarch
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 squares (1-oz size) semisweet chocolate, melted
GLAZE
6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter
6 squares (1-oz size) semisweet chocolate
20 chocolate "coffee beans" (optional)
10 chocolate-mint wafers (optional)

Party appetizers

Quick, easy do-ahead recipes for crisp, cheddar clusters, spiced zucchini canapes and tangy blue-cheese roll-ups



CHEESE CRISPS

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup butter or margarine (1 stick), softened
1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
3/4 pound sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded (3 cups)
About 1-1/2 hours before serving or up to 3 days ahead:
1. Preheat oven to 425°F. In large bowl, with hand, knead all ingredients until blended.
2. Shape dough into 1/2-inch balls. On ungreased cookie sheet, place 3 balls in a cluster. With fingers, flatten cluster to 1/4-inch thickness. Repeat with remaining balls, placing clusters about 2 inches apart. Bake 10 to 12 minutes until lightly browned. With pancake turner, remove cheese crisps to wire racks; cool. Store in tightly covered container to use within 3 days. Make about 60 crisps. About 45 calories each.

Spread about 1 rounded tablespoon cheese mixture on each slice; roll up, jelly-roll fashion. 3. On waxed paper, place remaining parsley. Spread outside of cheese rolls with remaining butter or margarine; coat lightly with parsley. Wrap rolls tightly in plastic wrap; refrigerate at least 30 minutes for easier slicing.
4. To serve, cut each roll crosswise into 6 slices. Make 3 dozen. About 35 calories each.

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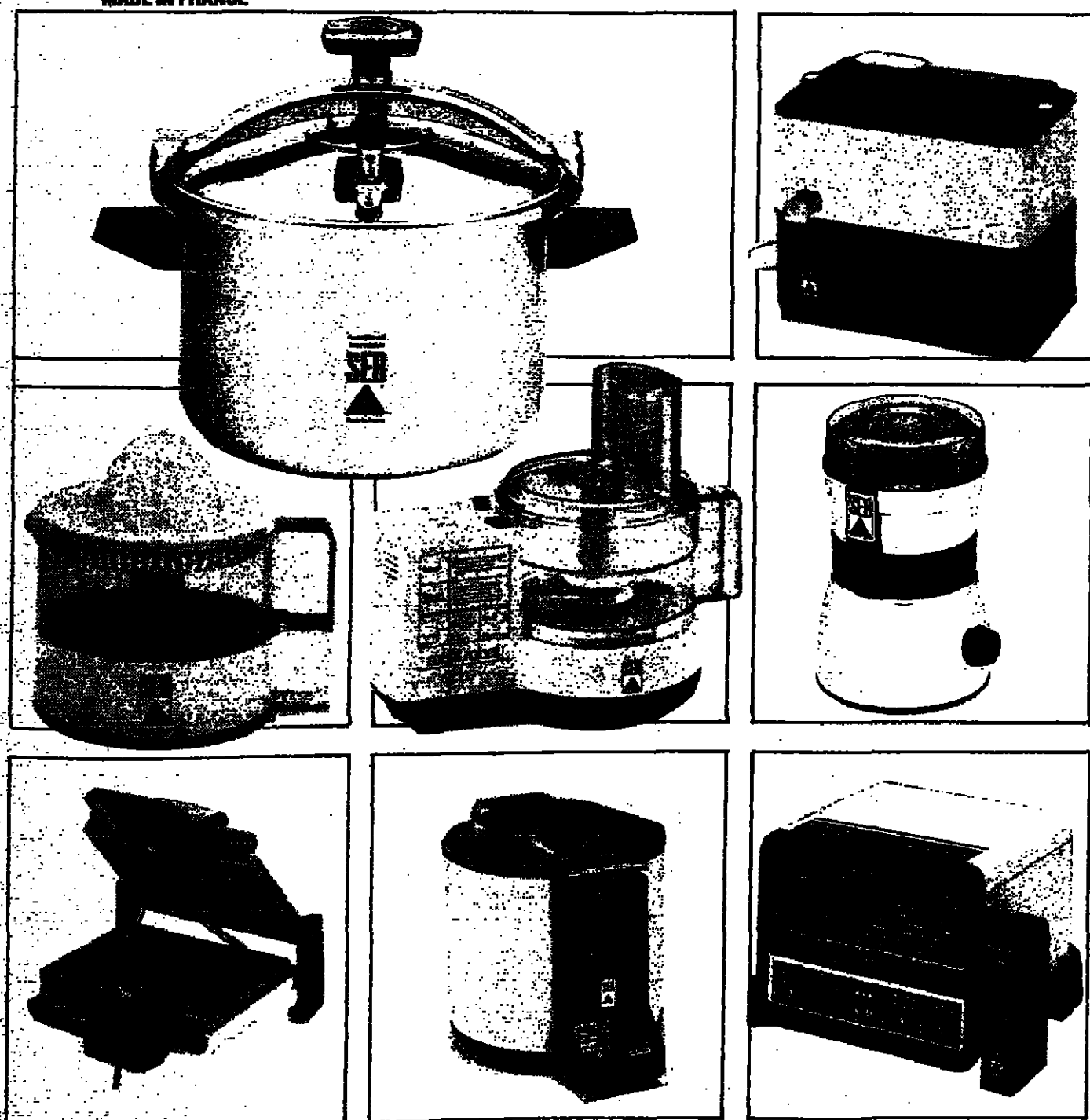
1 10-ounce package extrasharp Cheddar cheese, shredded (2-1/2 cups)
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Worcestershire
3 medium zucchini (about 1-1/2 pounds)
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
About 2-1/2 hours before serving or day ahead:
1. In blender at medium speed or in food processor with knife blade attached, blend first 3 ingredients until smooth. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours or until firm. About 15 minutes before serving:
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Swedish dynasty may survive another decade

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Barring the unforeseen, the Swedish tennis dynasty founded by Bjorn Borg in the 1970s will survive 1990 and beyond.

For while the Borg-inspired Davis Cup win of 1975 was due almost entirely to one 18-year-old's prodigious talent, Sweden's fourth victory, which they completed against India yesterday, was a team triumph.

But it is the relative youthfulness of the Swedish squad which must spread despondency throughout world tennis.

Grand Mats Wilander, who won his two singles for the loss of just 10 games in five sets, is 23, as is his doubles partner Joakim Nyström, leaving Anders Jarryd as the grand old man of Swedish tennis at 26.

World number two Stefan Edberg, who missed the 5-0 rout of India through injury, will not be 22 until next month and the Swedes have a total of 10 players aged 26 or under in the world's top 40.

Though Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad were starting for Australia at a younger age, no nation has enjoyed such remarkably young strength in depth and Swedish Davis Cup captain Hans-Erik Olsson was probably guilty of Scandinavian reserve when he looked to the future.

"I can certainly see as far as the next five years when Wilander, Edberg and Kent Carlsson will still all be young men," said Olsson, who has led Sweden to three Davis Cups in five successive finals.

"But I'm hesitant to look beyond them. Of course, we have a lot of young talent which could emerge, but so have Czechoslovakia or the United States."

It is a remarkable statistic that Sweden used seven different players in the 1987 Davis Cup competition — the triumphant final quarter plus Carlsson, Mikael Pernfors and Jan Gunnarsson.

In 1988, Ulf Stenlund (20), Jonas Svensson (21) and Peter Lundgren (22) will also be challenging for places on the squad.

Not unnaturally, as in any large group of young athletes, tensions do arise and Wilander, Olsson's on-court lieutenant, paid tribute to the captain when he admitted: "He's the one who makes sure we all remain friends."

But while Edberg publically backed Olsson's decision not to risk him because of a sprained ankle, words were exchanged in private and the double Australian Open champion was far from happy with his role as spectator.

Earlier Edberg, however, had been the hero of the semifinal victory over Spain in Barcelona and Wilander was at pains to include him in the celebrations.

"The Davis Cup wasn't just about beating India, we played three tough earlier matches against Italy, France and Spain so it wasn't just those who actually played who deserve credit," said Wilander, who has won two French and two Australian Open titles.

Though the present crop of Swedes looks good for another 10 years at the top should they decide to remain in tennis that long, there are genuine fears Sweden's reign may not last until the year 2000.

"I think the Wilander-Edberg generation may be the end," said Bjorn Hellberg, Sweden's best known tennis commentator and a man who beat a computer recently in a test of sports knowledge.

"Our organisation means we should always produce a quantity of talent, but I'm not sure about the quality."

BRONCOS CLINCH PLAYOFF SPOT

Colts and Dolphins tied for lead

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (AP): The Indianapolis Colts moved closer to their first playoff spot even though they didn't play.

The Colts clinched their first winning season in a decade with a 20-7 victory over San Diego and are tied with Miami for the AFC East lead at 8-6 heading into the final week of the season.

Miami, which kept its playoff hopes alive with a 23-21 victory over Washington last night, can only win the division if they beat New England next Monday night and the Colts lose to the Bucs. If the Dolphins and Colts both win, Miami will gain a wild card if Pittsburgh, Houston and San Diego lose their final games.

Miami's victory over Washington knocked out the Buffalo Bills, who lost 13-7 to New England. The Patriots are still in the running for a playoff spot.

The other team in the division, the New York Jets, was eliminated from the playoff race with a 38-27 loss to Philadelphia.

In the AFC West, Denver clinched at least a wild-card spot when Pittsburgh and San Diego lost yesterday.

Seattle, which beat Chicago 34-21, can clinch a wild-card berth with a victory over Kansas City next week.

Cleveland moved into first place in the AFC Central with a 24-17 win over the Los Angeles Raiders. Houston beat Pittsburgh 24-16, but both remain in contention.

The playoff picture is much clearer in the NFC, where New Orleans, San Francisco, Chicago



Lomax: threw touchdown passes for Cardinals

and Washington have already clinched post season spots. The remaining playoff berth is up for grabs between Minnesota, St. Louis and the Los Angeles Rams.

For the Cardinals to make the

playoffs, the Rams and Vikings would have to lose and St. Louis would have to win its final game against Dallas. The Rams must win their final two games.

In other NFL games yesterday, New Orleans down Cincinnati 41-24, San Francisco defeated Atlanta 35-7, and St. Louis beat Tampa Bay 31-14. On Saturday, the New York Giants beat Green Bay 20-10 and Denver down Kansas City 20-17.

Seahawks 34, Bears 21
Rookie Brian Bosworth recovered two fumbles and nearly returned one of them for a touchdown as the Seahawks spoiled Walter Payton's final regular-season game at Soldier Field. Payton ran 17 times for 79 yards and two touchdowns.

Eagles 38, Jets 27
Randal Cunningham threw three touchdown passes against the Jets' injury-ravaged secondary. Mike Quick caught two of the scoring tosses.

Vikings 17, Lions 14
Minnesota's Wade Wilson passed for one touchdown and ran for another as the Vikings snapped a two-game losing streak. The Vikings picked off three Detroit passes, but none of the turnovers led to scores.

Patriots 13, Bills 7
New England limited Buffalo to 152 yards and snapped Jim Kelly's 18-game streak of throwing at least one touchdown pass. New England scored on a 7-yard pass from Steve Grogan to Cedric Jones and added another TD on Reggie Duper's 36-yard

run in the second period.

Saints 41, Bengals 24
Burt Jordan's two touchdown runs capped a 38-point rally that carried the Saints to their eighth consecutive win.

Oilers 24, Steelers 16
Warren Moon threw two touchdown passes to Drew Hill and safety Jeff Donaldson intercepted two Mark Malone passes in the fourth quarter to spark the Oilers.

Browns 24, Raiders 17
Bernie Kosar passed for 294 yards and two touchdowns as Cleveland moved into first place in the AFC Central. The Raiders played without rookie sensation Bo Jackson, who sprained his right ankle a week ago.

49ers 35, Falcons 7
San Francisco's Jerry Rice set two NFL receiving records and scored three touchdowns for the fourth time in the last five games.

Colts 20, Chargers 7
Jack Trudeau threw a touchdown pass while the Colts defense had five quarterback sacks and three interceptions. Eric Dickerson had 115 yards on 23 carries for a season total of 1,092.

Cardinals 31, Bucs 14
Neil Lomax threw three touchdown passes and Stump Mitchell rushed for 101 yards and another TD to lead the Cardinals. The victory was the fourth in the last five games for St. Louis, 7-7.

Dolphins 23, Redskins 21
Dan Marino's 6-yard touchdown pass to Mark Duper with 1:07 left gave Miami the victory. It was Marino's third TD toss of the night to Duper.



Worthy (right): scored 19 points for Lakers

Celtics rout 76ers

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (AP): The Boston Celtics, who have struggled lately, are not quite ready to relinquish control of the NBA's Atlantic Division.

They emphatically made that point last night with a 124-87 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers, who would have taken a percentage-point lead in the division with a victory at Boston Garden. The Celtics, who are 8-3 since starting the season 6-0, have won the division four consecutive seasons.

A late flurry by the 76ers after they trailed 116-67 did not prevent them from suffering their worst regular-season defeat ever against the Celtics. The 37-point defeat surpassed the previous biggest margin of 34 on Nov. 29, 1983.

In other NBA games, it was Cleveland 127, Indiana 116; Portland 148, San Antonio 126; Phoenix 120, Sacramento 109, and the Los Angeles Lakers 102, Seattle 94.

Charles Barkley scored 18 points and had just two rebounds while playing just 25 minutes for Philadelphia.

"It was a good win for them, but I doubt they are jumping around," Barkley said. "What am I going to do, kill myself? It's just one game."

Evans breaks 9-year-old 400m swimming record

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 21. (Reuters): Americans Janet Evans broke the longest standing world record in swimming yesterday when she clocked four minutes, 5.45 seconds in the women's 400-metre freestyle at the US Open Long Course Meet.

The 16-year-old Evans broke Australian Tracey Wickham's world mark of 4:06.28 set on August 24, 1978.

Negative

"She's not going to be happy about this," Evans said. "I remember at the Pan Pacific Championship (in Australia last August) she said to my face that the only way I was going to break her 400 free record was if I swam negative splits (swimming faster in the second half of her race)."

"That really made me mad when she said that," Evans added. "When I broke her 800 record I didn't negative split. I don't have to negative split to break records."

Evans broke Wickham's 800

Lakers 103, Sonics 94

Los Angeles won its sixth consecutive game as Mychal Thompson scored 22 points and James Worthy 19, both off the bench, against Seattle. The Lakers, after taking an 11-2 lead, did not allow the Supersonics to get within seven points the rest of the game. Dale Ellis led Seattle with 24 points and Xavier McDaniel added 23.

Trail Blazers 148, Spurs 126

Portland won its fourth straight game as Clyde Drexler scored a season-high 40 points against San Antonio. Leon Wood led the Spurs with 27 points and hit seven 3-point goals.

Suns 120, Kings 109

Larry Nance scored 45 points, one more than his previous career high, and added 15 rebounds and seven blocked shots for Phoenix against Sacramento, which lost for the 10th time in 11 games. James Edwards added 28 points and 12 rebounds for the Suns, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Cavaliers 127, Pacers 116

Cleveland took the lead for good by outscoring Indiana 38-28 in the third period. Brad Daugherty scored 11 of his 19 points and John Williams 10 of his 23 in the third quarter as the Cavaliers erased a nine-point deficit.

Spanish giants fall to underdogs

MADRID, Dec. 21. (Reuters): The giants of Spanish soccer — Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid and Barcelona — were felled by the underdogs yesterday as they crashed to shock defeats in the final First Division matches of 1987.

Runaway leaders Real, missing their stalwart defender Miguel Tendillo, suffered their first away defeat of the season when they lost 2-1 against lowly Real Betis in Seville.

Created

Real's star striker Emilio Butragueno and Mexican World Cup forward Hugo Sanchez failed to produce their usual goal-scoring magic as former Real veteran Ipolito Rincon created both the Real Betis goals.

While Real were floundering away from home, back in Madrid their arch-rivals Atletico, without their injured Portuguese star Paulo Futre, were dealt an embarrassing 1-0 beating at the Calderon stadium by humble Sevilla.

Barcelona, who seemed to have recovered from a bad start to the season, suffered the most numbing defeat when they slumped 4-2 to Real Valladolid — the first time Valladolid had beaten the Catalans at their Nou Camp ground.

Real Betis' veteran midfielder Rincon masterminded his side's stunning victory over Real Madrid.

After only seven minutes he headed across the Real goal-

mouth for team-mate Jose Melenas to nod past goalkeeper Francisco Buayo and celebrate his 21st birthday in style.

Six minutes later it was Rincon who again created the chance by firing a long ball which found Quico Ruiz, who lost no time in giving Betis their second goal.

As the game wore on, the Madrid team's urgency turned to desperation as Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker sent on strikers Paco Llorente and veteran Carlos Santillana in place of defender Jose Camacho and Yugoslav midfielder Milan Jankovic.

But it was defender Manuel Sanchez who salvaged a measure of pride for the title holders by scoring their only goal a minute before the end.

Maxwell pulls out of Watford deal

LONDON, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Publishing tycoon Robert Maxwell called off his controversial takeover of English First Division soccer club Watford yesterday.

Maxwell, whose family already own Division One clubs Derby and Oxford, said he would leave soccer altogether if his fellow league chairman enforced what he described as a tougher "one man one club" rule.

Maxwell pulled out of the £2 million (\$3.64 million) deal at the request of Watford's rock star chairman Elton John, leaving the club's future uncertain and Derby and Oxford both worried about the threat of bankruptcy if they lose Maxwell's backing.

Settled

The fate of Derby, chaired by Maxwell, and Oxford, where his son Kevin is chairman, could be settled at an extraordinary general meeting of the League's 92 chairmen on January 19.

They will be asked to tighten up regulation 80, which states that no official may directly or indirectly influence the affairs of more than one club.

Maxwell is to go ahead with the disposal of his 30 per cent shareholding in Second Division Reading, but said he and his family would retain their interest in Oxford and Derby unless regulation 80 was lawfully retrospectively amended.

The League management committee angered Maxwell last week by over-turning his signed agreement with its president, Philip Carter, under which he promised to sell his shares in Oxford and Reading in return for permission to buy Watford.

Former

Asghar and Aslam opened the innings for Bright Stars and took the score to 34 before the former was bowled. They lost four wickets and at one stage were 102 for 5.

Nadeem and Tariq got together and both of them flayed the CCK bowling which failed to make any impression on them.

Tariq and Nadeem remained unbeaten on 39 and 21 respectively as the Bright Stars went past their opponents' total.

Young Lions beat Kheitan

YOUNG LIONS beat Kheitan XI by 111 runs in a friendly cricket match earlier this week.

Young Lions, batting first, lost the first four batsmen with only 20 runs on the board. Majeed and Alwis took the score to 70 before the latter was out for 19.

Reached

Majeed and Chulla were then involved in a 110-run stand for the sixth wicket as Young Lions reached 186 in their 25 allotted overs. Majeed and Chulla both completed their half centuries.

Kheitan XI, in reply, were bowled out for only 75 runs. Their main scorer was Rauf with 20.

Sam was the main wicket-taker for Young Lions with four wickets. Sam was given some good support by Majeed who took three wickets and Lantra who captured two.

Starlite and Kifco in finals

STARLITE and Kifco reached the finals of the Malhotra Trophy cricket tournament with contrasting victories in Ahmadabad earlier this week.

Starlite beat Unity on better run-rate but Kifco had no difficulty in brushing aside Kokan by 56 runs.

In the first match, Unity batting first against Starlite were given a good start by their openers Bader and Ejaz who put on 60 in only nine overs with Starlite's Qayyum and Zagar making no impression on them.

Ifikhar provided the first breakthrough for Starlite when he had Bader out leg before wicket for 29. Ifikhar made further inroads in the Unity batting when he bowled Ejaz in the next over for 39.

Unity lost three more quick wickets and seemed to be in trouble at 119 for five. Shabbir (37) and Lewis (28) boosted the total with a fine performance to take Unity to 188 for the loss of eight wickets in their 30 allotted overs.

Ifikhar was the main wicket-taker for Starlite with three scalps while Sohail and Arshad got two each.

In reply, Starlite took advantage of some erratic bowling, spilled catches and delay by Unity to rush through their overs.

Arshad exploited the lapses by the Unity fielders to hammer 87 with the help of five sixes and five



Arshad: hammered Unity for 87

fours. He was given some good support by Ifikhar, who was the next highest scorer with 26 as Starlite reached 156 at the end of 25 overs for the loss of five wickets.

Unity at the same stage were 152 for five. Unity paid the penalty for not bowling more overs when Starlite were declared winners on run-rate.

In the afternoon match, Kifco did not have to toil hard to beat Kokan. Kifco, batting first, were given an excellent start by their openers who laid the foundation for an easy win. Nasir and Shahid put on a century stand before the latter was out, caught by Ibrar off Javed for 45.

Nasir hit a six and five fours as he went on to score 73. Maqsood



Kaloo: could not save his side

(29), and Rashid (24) helped Kifco reach 199 for the loss of six wickets in their 30 allotted overs.

Kokan openers Farouk and Ibrahim put on 30 runs in five overs before the latter was out for only five. Farouk had to retire after he was hit by a short-pitched delivery.

Act

After that, Kokan were unable to put their act together. They were all out for 143 with Javed (45) being the only batsman to face the Kifco bowlers with any confidence.

Shehzad took three wickets while Tahir took two.

The final will be held next year on Jan 15 and the match will be a full-day affair with each side playing 45 overs.

and then on the last ball of the final over managed to complete his ton. He hit two sixes and 11 fours.

By the end of the 30th allotted over, HCC had scored 307 for the loss of only four wickets. For Manda, Stanley took two wickets for 35 while Nisar and Ashraf finished with one wicket each.

After an excellent performance from their batsmen, the HCC bowlers put the Manda batsmen to sword. In a devastating exhibition of fast bowling, Saleem took five wickets for five runs in 11 deliveries.

Winner

Manda conceded the match after losing their sixth wicket with only 39 runs on the board.

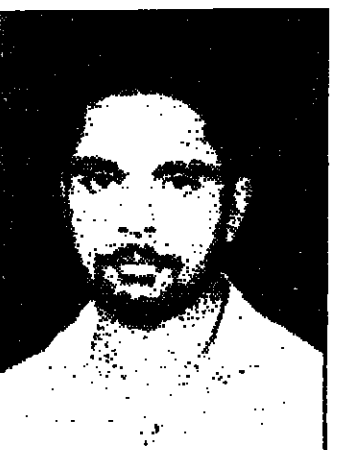
HCC will play the winner of the other semifinal between Rajasthan and Amar cricket clubs at a date to be announced later.



Rodney: unbeaten ton

took the Manda bowlers to task. He hit two sixes and four fours in his 48. Saleem and Rodney then kept moving the scoreboard along with effortless strokes.

HCC crossed their previous highest of 265 runs in the 27th over as Rodney set a double tar-



Saleem: five wickets

get for himself. With only three overs to go, Rodney wanted to take his team past the 300 mark and also get an unbeaten century to his name.

Both the targets were achieved by Rodney in the last over. First he got his team past the 300 figure

Hyderabad move into Lions final

HYDERABAD Cricket Club (HCC) stormed into the finals of the Lions Cricket Tournament with a crushing 268-run victory over Love Manda at the Yarmouk ground on Friday.

In the process of achieving this victory, HCC set up a record of being the only team to cross the 300-run mark in a 30-over match at the Yarmouk ground.

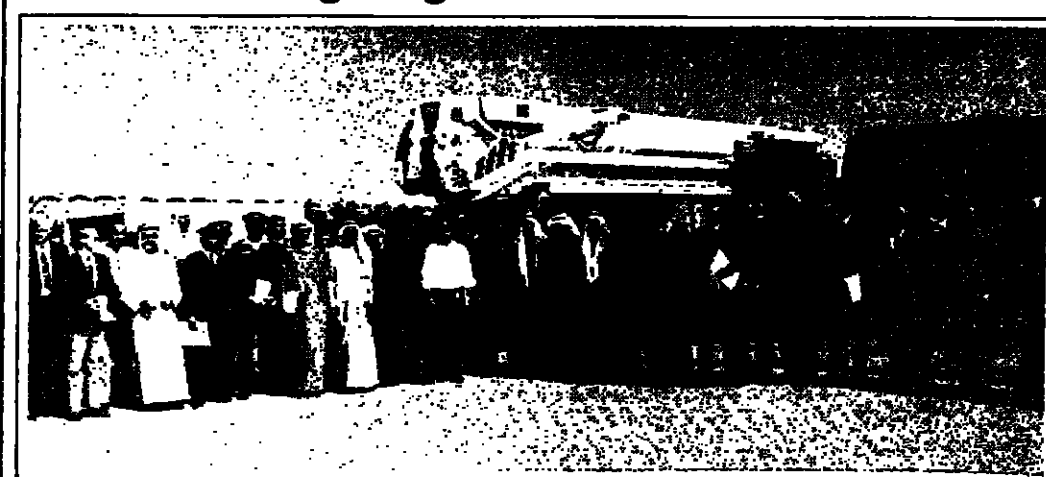
Quick

Batting first, HCC opened their innings through Masood and Jerry who scored 55 runs in the first six overs. Jerry with 30 was the first batsman to go back to the pavilion, lbw to Stanley.

Rodney and Masood then took HCC past the 100 mark in the 12th over. Masood, looking set for a big score, was bowled by Ashraf for 64. He hit 10 fours in his innings. James scored a quick 26 with the help of a six and three fours before he was out.

Ashraf joined Rodney and

Al Bahar presents Bronto Skylift fire-fighting water/foam tower.



Mohamed Abdulrahman Al Bahar, the dealer of the Bronto — Skylift products introduced their range of fire-fighting towers at a

presentation held at the SAS Kuwait Hotel on 16th December, 1987.

Bronto Skylift, Finland, a leading manufacturer of hydraulic access platforms in the world, covers over 30 different models used by fire brigades, industries, electricity utilities, telephone companies and contracting firms. These models differ from each other in their outreaches and the number of articulating and telescopic booms.

Mr Alec Aalto, Chairman of the delegation of the Finnish-Kuwait Joint Commission, Mr Kauko Tamm, Managing Director of Bronto Skylift and Mr Taro Passiuto, Chief Inspector of the Rescue Department of the Finnish Ministry of Interior spoke during the occasion.

Earlier, Mr Marwan Zaitama, the Branch Manager of Al Bahar,

welcoming the gathering gave an overview of Al Bahar's product support capabilities and the excellent services they offer.

Several distinguished guests including the Ambassador of Finland in Kuwait, the members of the delegation of the Finnish-Kuwait Joint Commission, Mr Ahmed Hussain Abdulrazzak, General Director of the Kuwait Fire Brigade and high officials from the security and safety departments of the oil companies attended the presentation.

Later a live demonstration of a 50-metre water/foam tower owned by the K.N.P.C. was held which attracted great interest of the participants. This unit is first of its kind in the world with special features for fire-fighting applications in the oil refineries and oil tanks.

SPORTS

PAKISTAN WIN SERIES MARRED BY DISPUTES

England salvage draw in third Test

KARACHI, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Vice-captain John Emburey defied Pakistan with an unbeaten 74 as England salvaged a draw today in the third and final cricket Test against Pakistan.

The series, won 1-0 by Pakistan, will be remembered more for its disputes and acrimony than its cricket and neither side showed any inclination to continue the match here longer than they had to, rival captains Javed Miandad and Mike Gatting agreeing to call it off at tea and disperse with the final 20 overs.

At this point England were 258 for nine in their second innings, a lead of 199, with Emburey one run short of his highest Test score having batted for more than five and a half hours.

Safety
England's prospects of saving the match had looked slim when they lost their eighth wicket at 187 before lunch but then Emburey, who made 70 in the first innings, and Nick Cook put on 59 for the ninth wicket to take the visitors within sight of safety.

After Cook became wrist-spinner Abdul Qadir's 30th victim of the series, last-man Graham Dilley hung around for half an hour before tea without scoring and by the interval any chance of a result had disappeared.

England were 150 for five when play resumed with Graham Gooch 79 and Emburey nine.

Gooch fell to the second new ball, bowled by Mudassar Nazar for 93 made in six and a quarter



England vice-captain Emburey (receives) his Man of the Series award from Mujahid Baloch, a Pakistani provincial minister, at the end of the third Test. (Reuters radiophoto)

hours, and Bruce French and Phillip Defreitas were lbw victims before Emburey and Cook combined to thwart the Pakistanis.

Since winning their first series in Pakistan in 1961-62 under Ted Dexter, England have not won a single Test in this country in five series.

They lost the first Test of the current series in Lahore by an innings and 87 runs and then drew the second in Faisalabad and the third here, although by the end the cricket had become almost incidental, overshadowed by incidents involving the England team and the umpires. In the most serious a day's play

was lost in the second Test after Gatting and umpire Shakoor Rana had a heated on-field argument.

Gatting said the official had accused him of unfair play while Shakoor said the England captain had used bad language during the argument and refused to continue until he was given a written apology.

Gatting submitted one, after being told to by the English authorities in London, a directive that so incensed the England team that they issued a statement deploring the pressure put on their captain to step down in the dispute. Gatting himself suggested he might not lead England into the third Test here and was mollified only after two English officials flew to Karachi.

The incidents began in the first Test when England felt a number of umpiring decisions by Shakoor Khan were unfair. After one of these opener Chris Broad had to be persuaded to leave by his partner Graham Gooch after being given out caught at the wicket. He was officially reprimanded by the England manager for his show of dissent.

The third Test, which at one time seemed likely to be umpired by Indian officials, was played in a better atmosphere but there were further incidents on the fourth day when Gatting complained about a decision to disallow a catch by wicketkeeper Bruce French and Broad, Bill Athey and Gatting all left reluctantly after being given out. On the decision to end the

match at tea, England coach Micky Stewart said: "Javed Miandad came to us and said he would be happy if the match were called off. He had a word with the umpires as well."

Stewart said the umpires then talked to Gatting and it was agreed there was no point carrying on.

A crowd of about 6,000 — more than on any other day of the match — watched Pakistan's unsuccessful efforts to bowl England out.

Qadir, who finished with match figures of 10 for 186, was named Man of the Match and Pakistan's Man of the Series. Emburey was made England's Man of the Series.

Scoreboard
ENGLAND first innings 294 (D. Capel 98, J. Emburey 70, Qadir five for 88).
PAKISTAN first innings 353 (Anwar Maalik 98 not out, Salim Malik 55, Rameez Raja 50, P. Defreitas five for 86).
ENGLAND second innings (overnight 150 for five).
G. Gooch lbw b Mudassar 93
C. Broad lbw b Qadir 13
W. Athey c Ashraf Ali b Jaffer 12
M. Gatting lbw b Jaffer 0
N. Fairbrother c sub b Qadir 1
D. Capel c Iqbal Qasim b Qadir 24
J. Emburey not out 74
B. French lbw b Jaffer 0
P. Defreitas lbw b Qadir 6
N. Cook b Qadir 14
G. Dilley not out 0
Extras (b-9 lb-5 nb-6 w-1) 21
Total (for nine wickets) 258
Fall of wickets: 1-34 2-54 3-54 4-61 5-115 6-175 7-176 8-187 9-246.
Bowling: Jaffer 42-9-79-3, Anwar Maalik 27-7-40-5, Qadir 55-16-98-5, Iqbal Qasim 27-10-44-0, Salim Malik 7-2-14-0, Mudassar 4-3-2-1.

Miandad quits as captain

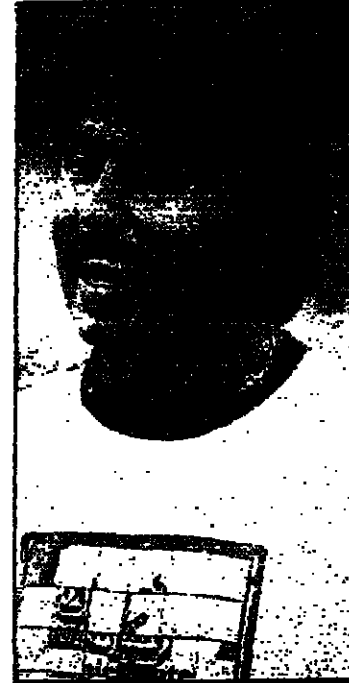
KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec. 21. (AP): Javed Miandad resigned as Pakistan's cricket captain today after leading Pakistan to victory in a three-Test series against England.

Talking to reporters after the last Test ended today, Miandad said he wanted to give more time to his batting.

"Captancy is a full-time job and is affecting my batting," he said.

Miandad was appointed Pakistan cricket captain last month when Imran Khan retired from Test cricket.

Against England, Pakistan won one Test and drew two.



Miandad: resigns

Inquiry committee interviews Shakoor

KARACHI, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana was being interviewed late today by the two-man inquiry into the infamous finger-wagging incident in the second Test between Pakistan and England.

The inquiry began yesterday when England captain Mike Gatting was among those who gave their version of events.

The inquiry also heard from England all-rounder David Capel and batsman Bill Athey.

Rules
Capel was the fielder moved by Gatting when off-spinner Eddie Hemmings ran in to bowl, only to be stopped by Shakoor who said it was against the rules.

Athey was near Gatting and Shakoor when the two had a heated exchange of words. It was he who led the England captain away.

An inquiry committee member, Yawar Saeed, told reporters the meetings with the England players were held in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere.

"We called the three players one by one and they were very

friendly and cooperative," he said, adding: "... we have come to know a lot now."

Yawar said Salim Malik, who was batting when the incident occurred, would also be interviewed later today.

"At this stage we are not allowed to reveal anything to anybody," Yawar said.

Meanwhile, Gatting, reviewing the series at the end of today's drawn third and final Test match, was asked by reporters if England had lost to a better side.

"We all know about the Lahore Test," he said in an obvious reference to his charges that the umpires there gave "biased decisions," against England.

"(At) Faisalabad we looked on top but that was unfortunate," the captain said.

Despite more disagreement yesterday, Gatting said he was happy with the umpiring at the Karachi Test by Mahboob Shah and Khizar Hayat, saying it was well-conducted and "everything went very well."

E. Germany and Hungary to take part in Games

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 21. (Reuters): East Germany today became the second Soviet-bloc country to confirm its participation in next year's summer Olympic Games in Seoul.

Within hours of Hungary making its announcement, the official ADN news agency reported that the East German National Olympic Committee had told the International Olympic Committee (IOC) it would take part in the Seoul Games.

ADN said the national committee would continue to support the IOC's efforts to stage the Olympics in both parts of Korea.

Earlier the official MTI news agency reported that the Hungarian National Olympic Committee had unanimously agreed to participate in the Games.

MTI said the Hungarian team would consist of 210 athletes, sportsmen and about 90 officials.

The participation of Soviet bloc countries had been in doubt because of North Korea's insistence that it share the staging of the Games with Seoul.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), based in Switzerland, later confirmed that Hungary had notified it of its decision to take part.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tour bonus

LONDON, Dec. 21. (Reuters): England's cricketers in Pakistan will each receive a £1,000 (\$1,800) bonus when they return home tomorrow. Alan Smith, the English Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) chief executive, denied the bonus was the price of quelling a revolt among the players who were highly critical of the board's action following the umpiring row in Faisalabad two weeks ago.

Evans apologises

CARDIFF, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Welsh soccer manager Mike Evans has been given an apology by Welsh Football Association (WFA) secretary Alun Evans for calling him "a clot."

Yachting series

SYDNEY, Dec. 21. (Reuters): An apology from organisers of the Southern Cross Cup yachting series stopped an unprecedented walkout by the incensed American team.

Team golf

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Americans Nancy Lopez and Miller Barber set a tournament record total of 22-under-par 191 yesterday and captured the \$850,000 Sandy Bay Championship team golf tournament.

Maguila wins

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 21. (Reuters): South American champion Adilson "Maguila" Rodrigues beat veteran Uruguayan-born Spaniard Alfredo Evangelista by unanimous decision in a non-title 10-round heavyweight boxing match yesterday.

PSV triumph

THE HAGUE, Dec. 21. (Reuters): Dutch Soccer League champions PSV Eindhoven extended their 100 per cent winning record to 17 matches yesterday when they easily beat Den Bosch 2-0 away, despite an injury to key striker Wim Kieft.

O'Neill out

LONDON, Dec. 21. (Reuters): John O'Neill, who ruptured knee ligaments in his debut for English First Division club Norwich on Saturday, may be forced to quit soccer.

Fatima Whitbread

LONDON, Dec. 21. (AP): World women's javelin champion Fatima Whitbread today called for the setting up of a disciplinary committee to fine or suspend British athletes and officials who bring the sport into disrepute.

Boon slams unavailing 101 for Tasmania

DEVONPORT, Tasmania, Dec. 21. (Reuters): David Boon, Australia's leading scorer in their successful World Cup campaign, made an unavailing 101 not out for Tasmania against the New Zealand cricketers today.

Tasmania, needing 249 to win in 79 overs, fell 41 runs short of their first victory since the 1983-84 season, the four-day match ending in a draw with the island team on 208 for eight at the close.

Boon reached his 22nd first-class hundred with three balls remaining but by then he was fighting to stave off defeat rather than guide his team to victory.

Loss

Tasmania's prospects looked promising with 102 needed off the final 20 overs but the loss of Peter Faulkner for 10 and Bruce Cruise for four to left-arm spinner Evan Gray put them on the defensive.

Earlier New Zealand, 108 for six overnight, lost their last four wickets for 35 in just under an hour. Medium-pace Peter Faulkner finished with four for 37 in 24 overs, 11 of them maidens.

New Zealand, 1-0 down in the series, start the third and final Test against Australia in Melbourne on Boxing Day.

Pakistani boxers show their class

PAKISTANI boxers stole the show on the second day of the 13th Asian Boxing Championships at Kuwait's Handball Hall on Sunday when all five of their fighters advanced into the semifinals.

The Pakistanis had notched three victories on Saturday and with Sunday's victories, eight of their boxers are in the next round. None of the Pakistani boxers, who have taken to the ring so far, have lost.

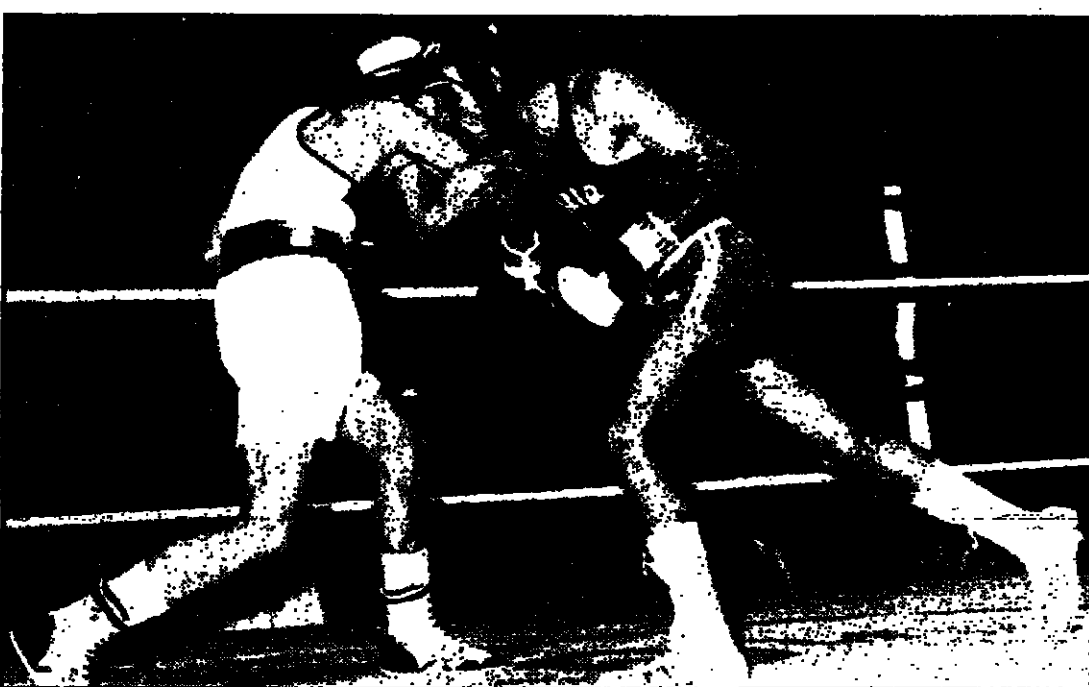
Stopped

India, South Korea and Iraq achieved three victories each on Sunday while Kuwait, Mongolia, Syria and Sri Lanka had one each.

Kuwait's Yousef scored the lone win for his country in the light-heavyweight class when the referee stopped the fight within one minute to save South Yemeni Nasser from punishment.

Kuwait's Montaser Shuaib lost his fight to an Asian champion from South Korea while Abbas Akbar failed to get the better of Sri Lanka's Laksman. Both the fights were stopped by the referee.

In the last fight which involved a Kuwaiti fighter, Saquer Abdulla found that he had no answer to the powerful Hussain Shah of Pakistan and the referee had to step in to save the former from punishment in



Pakistan's Basif (left) in action against Iraq's Majed Mohammed on Saturday evening. Basif won.

the middleweight category.

Two other Pakistanis also took their fights on points. Qaiser Abbas beat Nader Boumar of Syria while Islam Pir Fayez proved that he was a better fighter than Miamoun of Syria.

In the other bouts: bantamweight — Dahan of India beat Shastri of Thailand on points, Abbas Khalaf of Iraq beat Kaz-

ywa of Japan on points.

Light-middleweight: Shiram of India scored a points victory over Samir Qasem of Iraq. Ki Tik Kim of Korea outpointed Koinehero of Japan and Yanakapat of Mongolia also scored a points victory over Shapat of Nepal.

Middleweight: Hussain Kurdi of Syria outpointed a South

Korean while Hussain Nima of Iraq scored a technical knockout over Hamed Mohammed of Oman.

Light-heavyweight: Amir Jabber of Iraq beat Ashok Kumar of India on points and Biong Yang of South Korea had a similar win over Mang Yao of China.

Heavyweight: Mukhtar Singh of India beat Wang of China on points.

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